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Gorbachov is accused of 'a cheap lie'

Lithuanian rebuff for secession law offer

anians demanding a return to their pre-war independence yesterday reacted sceptically to President Gorbachov's promise of a new law which could allow them to secode from the Soviet Union.

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The draft law, which Mr Gorbachov announced would be put to an unprecedented nationwide referendum, was just "a

yvague promise designed to save time", Mr Algis Cekuolis, a senior member of the Lithuanian Com-

munist Party, said. "This is a cheap lie, it's a lie for naive people in the West,"

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part series to show you a

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will examine the affects

of work, relationships,

exercise and the

president of Lithuania's proindependence Sajudis movement, said of the proposal, adding: "I wonder if it came from him or someone suggested it. It means other people will decide for us."

A legal expert in the Soviet Parliament in Moscow also dampened speculation of an

The East German Prime Minister. Herr Hans Modrow. yesterday scrapped plans for a new security service after his coalition partners had threatened to leave the Government if the plan went ahead. Page 8

Soviet disarray Gunter Grass Leading article. Crumbling empire...

mminent break-up of the Soviet Union, saying the law would be concerned more with regulating relations be-tween member republics than

Mr Gorbachov, faced with an explosion of separatist feeling on the first day of his other Soviet republics". yesterday travelled to Siauliai, a city 120 miles northwest of Vilnius, the capital, which is home to a big military airfield that local activists want

"I am for self-determination up to the point of secession," Mr Gorbachov said in a didactic, hour-long speech to Lithuanian intellectuals late on Thursday.

"In this connection instructions have been issued to work out a draft law providing for a mechanism for republics to leave the Soviet Union."

Yesterday Mr Cekuolis, who is also a local newspaper editor, said: "This could all be interesting only if it were followed up by practical steps, such as demilitarization, withdrawal of troops from the Baltic states and so on."

environment on health. Mr Gorbachov coupled his • Get on the right path in the 1990s with The remarks with repeated appeals to Lithuanians not to try to Times Guide to Healthy break with Moscow, saying Living all next week. the path to political, social and economic independence was through continued member-

Vilains (Reuter) - Lithu- Mr Vytantas Landsbergis, if you take the other path, I shall do everything to show you that you are leading your people to a dead end," he

> A spokesman for Sajudis reiterated that Lithuania's incorporation into the Soviet Union in 1940 had been illegal and that "there should not be a law on secession because Lithuania never entered the Soviet Union"

Mr Albert Grigoryants, a legal expert at the Supreme Soviet, said it would be wrong to call the new law a law on secession", pointing out that the formal right to secede had for a long time been part of the Constitution.

"Secession is just one of the many variants of the solution of the question," he said. "The main thing is drawing up new relations between the centre and the republics."

He also emphasized, without giving details, that any decision on secession should take into account not only the will of the republic concerned, but also the "interests of the

parliament expressed support for Lithuanian independence and for the course of breaking from Moscow followed by its ruling Communist Party.

The Latvian Supreme Soviet, as the supreme body of power of a sovereign state, expresses its support for the consistent course of its neighbour, Lithuania, towards independence," Latvian Radio

Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia were incorporated into the Soviet Union after a 1939

Nazi-Soviet pact. • MOSCOW: Some 50 people demanding an independent Georgia are hunger strike in Tbilisi, the republic's capital, which is paralyzed by a public transport strike called to press nationalist demands, nationalist sources said (AFP

Interfax, a news digest published by Radio Moscow, meanwhile, reported that factories in the southern Soviet republic had been forced to ship of the Soviet Union, stop production because of "Today I am your friend, but, power cuts.

Flames of protest on day of mourning



disrupted the solemn

commemorate the dead in the

battle-scarred central area

now renamed "Revolution

Square". As I marched along

with the students people

standing in the snow shouted

their support. Young soldiers,

scratched on their helmets,

stood aside, reluctant to inter-

fere with the protesters.

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mism ablaze: Demonstrators in Bucharest burning the party flag during a rally to commemorate thousands killed in the uprising against Cear

Bucharest crowds march as soldiers stand aside

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

ister and calling for the immunists from the government. die for you".

Mourners attending a uprising against Nicolae Ceausescu vented their anger against the National Salvation Front and the presence in government of figures closely

They called on the provisional government to abolish the Romanian Communist party, to provide jobs for the unemployed, increase salaries

Thousands of anti-communist and co-opt workers and demonstrations that led to the protesters marched through women into the administra-central Bucharest yesterday, tion. Among the chants was shouting down the country's "yesterday Ceaucescu, today they were cheered by thounewly-appointed Prime Min- Iliescu", "public trials for the sands of people when they terrorists" and in a reference attacked the continuing lack mediate removal of com- to the victims - "they did not of heating, light and food. Chanting "Give us decent conditions", one column of over 2,000 angry students

The charismatic new Prime remembrance day raily for the Minister, Mr Petre Roman, thousands who died in the was repeatedly heckled angrily Changing Europe......8, 9

by the growing crowd as he stood on top of an armoured personnel carrier and urged the people not to demonstrate during what he described as "the crisis period". He promised that he would not stand as a candidate in the poll.

As with the street

Shares plunge on inflation worries

By Our Financial Staff

Shares fell around the world ing. US producer prices rose yesterday on concerns about sharply and retail prices fell, developments in the Soviet prompting fears of a recession Union, US inflation and the

sertlements. Shares in London reacted sharply to a 653-point overnight fall in Tokyo and almost £8 billion was wiped from the value of Britain's public companies as share prices fell

through the 2,400 level. Worries about continuing high interest rates and growing inflation, with this week's decision by the Ford unions to reject an offer of 10.2 per cent,

also bit sentiment. Wall Street had a poor start, with the Dow Jones industrial average at 2,720 - down 40

In London, the narrower FT index of top 30 shares fell 31.4 to 1,909.1. Turnover was less

Chevening talks. Markets hit... Tokyo effect...

than 600 million shares, which dealers said failed to justify this size of fall in the market

It was a sad finale to the three-week New Year account. which had seen the market soar to a record 2,466.2 on January 3, buoyed by renewed confidence in the British points in mid-morning trad- economy.

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SECTION 4

drive air fares sky-high By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A sharp rise in air fares looks begun to pass the cost on to inevitable over the next few tour operators. As a result, 38 months because of the spiralling cost of aviation fuel.

Some airlines have already increased the cost of tickets by about 5 per cent, others are planning increases in the spring and all are facing reduced profits for the first quarter of this year.

The cost of fuel has risen by more than 30 per cent over the last few months and, although it has declined in the past few days, charter airlines have subjected to surcharges.

Mr Brown: Put his political

and more are expected to

first 2 per cent of any increase. Abta predicts that 80 per

Fuel costs spiral will

tour companies have applied to levy a surcharge on holidays

Most of the big tour operators who are members of the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) have a no-surcharge guarantee and others have agreed to bear the

US softens line on boat people An international meeting to time to prepare new ideas

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, Hong Kong

discuss Britain's compulsory repatriation scheme for Vietnamese boat people was called off yesterday amid signs of a possible compromise, includ-ing the possibility that Wash-ington, which has strongly opposed it, would accept the principle of compulsory repatriation subject to important conditions.

It also emerged yesterday that Britain was having difficulty in agreeing a date with Kong to Hanoi.

The steering committee of the International Conference have met in Geneva next earlier this week. Thursday and Friday to discuss the scheme, which has also aroused strong hostility from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. cent of holidays will not be

Although they have not yet seen the American document. described as a "non-paper" it is thought that the conditions it has in mind take the form of a timetable under which boat people would be sent home against their will only if the

numbers returning of their own accord failed to reach an agreed level by a set date.

Vietnam for the next com-pulsory flight from Hong reconvened and Washington makes proposals of this type it will explain the cautious optimism shown by Mr Douglas on Indochina Refugees was to Hurd, the Foreign Secretary,

He said then that, in dis cussions with Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and with Senor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Diplomatic sources say the Secretary-General, he found meeting was put off because more understanding than he Washington wanted more had expected.

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Ron Brown returns to face the music By Kerry Gill Mr Ron Brown, the disgraced Labour MP for Leith, returned to his constituency from Westminster last night to face his biggest struggle since he entered the House of Commons in 1979. former mistress has proved

Anger at Mr Brown's behaviour after his conviction for causing criminal damage to the home of his greater than even he had imagined. He finally lost his firm hold on grassroots support in Leith during a series of branch meetings this week. The three biggest of the five appears to have been all but

branches in Leith have demanded his immediate resignation and even his own branch, Granton/Trinity, has called on him to give an account of his actions. Yesterday, it was clear that

the nature of his conviction, for damaging the home of Mrs Nonna Longden, his former research assistant at Westminster, has alienated the majority of women party members in the constituency While supporters in Leith have largely turned a blind

eye to his behaviour during

an often-bizarre parliamen-

tary career, Mr Brown now

Pilton/Muirhouse, backed him. Even trade union support may be in doubt. Party officials, who have

been circumspect in the past, are also becoming more outspoken. Mr Bill Axon, chairman of the Constituency Labour Party, said that, if it endorsed the call for Mr Brown's resignation, then the MP was morally bound to go.

The CLP meets on January 25 when Mr Brown will have his final chance to plead his case before what could result in either a vote of no confidence, at best, or a demand

Favourite position

Jimmy Fitzgerald as he seeks a first victory in Europe's richest handicap hurdle



THE TIMES

Test in Australia

Imran Khan leads Pakistan against Australia in Melbourne. John Woodcock reports



Ryan and Smith finish on top in Luton shake-up

a round," he said.

parted on amicable terms with

a settlement on the remaining

The supporters of Luton,

playing results than board-

room power struggles, got an honest look at the future from

the new manager. Ryan said:

hard as possible to do that.

"I have a certain feeling about the club and the way

they play football. Everything

about the job seemed right to

well and I cannot think of

another club I would like to manage. It is my club. I grew

Littlewoods decides to

withdraw cup backing

sponsor, for five years.

18 months of his contract,

After a day of comings and 1960s, winning a European goings at Kenilworth Road, Cup winners' medal at Old Luton Town, one place from vision, finished with a new manager and a new chairman and saw the departure of the coach who was expected to succeed Ray Harford.

Brian Cole, who controversially and publicly criticized Harford's style on New Year's Day, gave up as chairman for "personal and business commitments" after seven months in the position. He as succeeded by Roger Smith, a wealthy business-man, who has been a director of the club since July 1972, and is one of the major

Luton carried on their policy of promoting from within the ranks when Jim Ryan, their reserve-team coach, was elevated to manager rather than Terry Mancini, who was temporarily put in charge when Harford left eight days before. Ryan, aged 44, first joined the club as a player in

Ryan played in the Luton are a follow-up to Cole's side that won promotion to reaction to the crowd barrackthe first division in 1974. He ing Harford following a 3-0 was a reserve-team player at home defeat by Chelsea on Manchester United in the December 30. Cole said that

ship of the League Cup after

the final in April but the

Football League is optimistic

that a contract with a new

backer will be signed by the

next week will be committed

to an agreement in excess of

the £2.5 million, four-year

Littlewoods contract. "The

new sponsorship will be worth

more," Trevor Phillips, the

League's commercial director,

not to deflect attention away

from Littlewoods as this sea-

son's competition reaches its

final stages, the announce-

ment of the new backer would

Several companies are

understood to have courted

Phillips added that, in order

risma and had only himself to slame for the crowd's reaction ers this morning to prepare for

over their hearts. tomorrow's match at Anfield against Liverpool, Mancini will be heading for a golf course for the first time in Cole, aged 47, a life-long Luton supporter, who graduated from the terraces to the board room, succeeded David months. "I will treat myself to Evans, the Conservtive MP for Welwyn and Hatfield, as chairman in June 1989.

Although Harford took Luton to Wembley three times in his two years in charge -beating Arsenal 3-2 in the who are more interested in Littlewoods Cup final in 1988 and losing to Reading in the Simod Cup the same season and to Nottingham Forest in the Littlewoods Cup last year "I won't make any promises about staying in the first division or playing fantastic football, but we will work as dour character, who doesn't

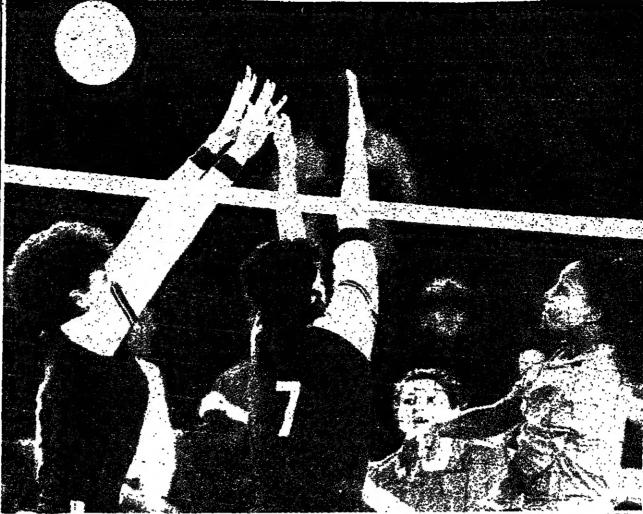
smile often at supporters".

When the remarks were not

withdrawn, Harford left. Cole will stay on as director but, it is understood, there was some plain speaking by Evans at yesterday's board meeting. Mancini's reaction to his departure was to say: "I

on amicable terms. It was done very quickly and sharp." team up again with Harford.

Soviet blockers crush England



Over the wall: Carla Sinclair beats the defensive ploy of the Soviet union net players, Kotytova and Ogienko Centre in Manchester yesterday. Report, page 34

Record deal for cycling

By Peter Bryan

popularity of cycling in Britain was further illustrated yesterday with the announc

The deal, with Scottish Provident, the Edinburghwill establish profess and a marketing vehicle to encourage new teams.

The company, which Ireland, Spain and Greece, will back the Scottish Provident League, an annual series of 10 races with a grand prix points system and a yellow jersey to denote the overall leader from race to race. Negotiations are also taking place for extensive television coverage of the series, both nationally and regionally.

Announcing his company's involvement in the sport, David Woods, managing director of Scottish Provident, described city-centre racing as "colourful and exciting".

The 10 host cities for the league have still to be confirmed but the organizer of the series, Alan Rushton, confirmed that London would be among the venues. Edinburgh, too, is another near certainty.

Races will be of one hour or slightly longer duration and are planned primarily for midweek to avoid clashing with established weekend events. British riders contracted to foreign teams will be allowed to compete but the organizers will not be importing overseas

Prize-money this year will be £60,000, rising to £70,000 in 1991 and £80,000 in the final year of the series. Joey McLoughlin, the former Milk Race and Kellogg's Tour of Britain winner who rides for Ever Ready-Halfords, said he welcomed the series. He won the sprints jersey in the 1985 televised city-centre races before going abroad to compete. Games preview, page 34

Protests

gather

Further signs of organized

protest in South Africa at the

unofficial cricket tour by an

England party emerged yes-

general secretary of the Nat-

ional Sports Congress, an-

nounced in Johannesburg that

the NSC plans to change in

"peaceful but effective action"

during the tour, which is due

Meanwhile, Peter Hain, the

anti-apartheid campaigner,

said yesterday that he believes

South Africa could be re-

admitted to world sport but

that the tour would not hasten

their return, describing it as

"totally the wrong event at the

wrong time".

to start on January 26.

Krish Naidoo,

Davis climbs back to top of the rankings

Morgan began it with a

Steve Davis, snooker's world No. I, yesterday took advantage of a hesitant Brian Morgan and Stephen Hendry's early departure from the Mercantile Credit Classic in Blackpool to climb back to the top of the provisional rankings for

The world champion defeated Morgan, a first-season professional, 5-1 to reach the semi-finals and in doing so relegated Hendry to second place in the rankings, despite having opted out of three points-carrying tournaments

A loose safety shot in the second frame gave Morgan the chance to clear from the last red to pink and level at 1-1 but Davis's breaks of 33, 37 and 30 put him 3-1 ahead. In his own words "the frame after the interval was the telling break of 31 but missed the yellow trying to screw back up the table for the remaining reds and Davis punished the error with a break of 65 before adding a clearance of 33. He then accelerated further with six-frame efforts of 63 and 59

Motivation has been a much used word during this tournament. Jimmy White had sufficiently little of it to withdraw because of influenza, Hendry, among others, played on while ill and lost: "My motivation is that I hate losing, I find it demor-alizing," Davis said.

Considering he is the most admired player in the game he also had a curious admission to make: "I was determined not to play too slowly today. I tend to mimic whoever I play in terms of tempo. I've always done it and that's why I prefer to play people like Jimmy White or Tony Drago. Your shots come that much John Parrott, the world No. 2, yesterday parted com-

pany with Ian Doyle's Doyle said the split had been fashioned because of his 'unworkable relationship" with Parrott's personal manager, Phil Miller, and stated:"I have finally decided to terminate John's contract."

Miller, however, said the decision had been mutually suggestion, and added: "Doyle has continually tried to disrupt my relationship with John but as you can see, he has failed."

RESULTS (England unless stated): Quarter-finate: S Davis bt B Morgan, 5-1. Wednesday's late result: S Francisco (SA) bt D O'Kane (NZ), 5-4. TODAY'S ONDER OF PLAY: Seef-finate Dest of 11 frames): 120: W King (Aus) v Francisco: 7-15: Davis v S James or W Lichan (Weled)

development programme,

some to accommodate the

latest RS2 version of the

Renault V10 engine, which is

not interchangeable with last

year's power unit. Alterations

have also been made to the

front suspension to eliminate

Next week, two cars, one of

1989 specification and the

other incorporating the en-

gineering changes, but without new bodywork, which will be

fitted before the first race in

March, are to be tested at

In its final form the new car

will be designated the FW13B,

but there will be a further

development in mid-season

change to their engine, which

will require significant alter-

ations to the Williams cars,

when Renault are due to

Kyalami, South Africa.

some high-speed instability.

Welcome boost to Williams

Since its introduction late nault FW13 has undergone around 100 individual improvements during a winter

ably argue that you cannot expect the same sort of exhigh level only in the United States, but in this month's nost threequarters.

Dedication is a rugby rarity

activities.

For a first-class rugbs player to train twice a day, every day, out-of-season when the hard work should be done, is musual. Yet this is mplace among even club competitors in, say, athletics and swimming. These people are not being aided by sponsorship or trest fill They are excited by the challenge of fulfilling their physical

Rugby union has never been dedication has been planded, the sort shown by Dan Gable, the Olympic wrestling champion, who trained five hours a day. When he won the US Collegiate title, be could not be found for the medal ceremony. He was in

It may be possible to sel Twickenham four times over for next week's internal but the spectators should be aware that the game is for the under-achiever, a sport 20 years behind most amater sports and even more behind

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Littlewoods has decided the League in connection with and we go not regard this as a against renewing its sponsor- the cup contract, and Phillips question of pulling out. We said: "I looked for a consid- have had a happy association erable improvement in the but we feel it has served our sponsorship money this time. purpose." When Littlewoods took over, Littlewoods originally had until August to decide whether

acker will be signed by the the money was not the important thing. It was post-League officials would not Heysel, and it was the to take up an option to renew, but at Phillips's instigation name potential successors yes-terday but whoever is named football that counted. by seven months. That action Littlewoods have seen us reflects both a new found through some difficult times confidence in football on the and we will always be grateful part of the commercial world. and the marketing opportu-nities offered in a World Cup Before Littlewoods stepped in in 1986 the competition was under-written by the Milk Marketing Board, its first

Potential sponsors are likely to have established sporting The arrangement with the links but with ITV contracted Liverpool-based concern has to screen the competition for come to an apparently amithe next three years satellite cable end. Harry Thomas, the television is less likely to step business development direc- into this particular breach. tor of the Littlewoods group,

In the past, English football said yesterday: "We have had has been wary of involvement no problems with the League from brewers."

Denmark fills the dance card

By Stoart Jones Football Correspondent

Denmark, the most frequent opponents during Bobby Rob-son's managerial reign, have agreed to fill the remaining gap in England's build-up to the World Cup finals. They will visit Wembley on May 15, a date set aside for the Rous Cup tournament, which has been held over for a year.

The Danes, the hosts when Robson took over from Ron Greenwood, will be playing England for the fifth time in less than eight years. Of the 37 other opponents, only Scotland (on seven occasions) and Northern Ireland (six) have appeared more regularly on

Denmark, who effectively knocked England out of the finals of the 1984 European championship, opened and closed the international fixture list last season. They lost at Wembley in September, when Webb scored the ione goal in front of the secondlowest crowd to assemble in the national stadium. They were held to a 1-1 draw in Copenhagen in June, when Shilton made a record 109th

appearance for England. Denmark are considered to be one of the strongest European nations outside the 24 World Cup qualifiers. Yet they are potentially the weakest opponents in the forthcoming series of matches, during which England's belief threatens to be undermined.

England's 14-game unbeaten sequence will be endangered by Brazil on March 28. Thereafter, England will be stretched in turn by Czechoslavakia on April 25. Denmark, and Uruguay on

Frank Williams yesterday attacked Ayrton Senna and last season the Williams-Re-

The Canon Williams Formula One motor racing team picked up a valuable new sponsor vesterday by signing a twovear agreement for a sevenfigure sum with Labatt, the Canadian brewing and foods

Labatt's wide links with sport include a 45 per cent interest in the Toronto Blue Jays baseball club, one of the leading teams in the American League. They intend to use their involvement with Williams to extend their "Be a better driver - don't drink and drive" campaign.

This is not the first occasion on which a brewery has been associated with grand prix racing. A few years ago Courage appeared as an alternative sponsor to John Player with the Lotus team for a race or

Frank Williams, speaking at his team's headquarters in staff of almost 150 support the cars driven by Riccardo

Jean-Marie Balestre for being drawn into the dispute which threatens Senna's particination in this year's world championship. "When some people see a microphone they can't resist saying something controversial," Williams said. "It's all so mun Balestre, the FISA presi-

dent, has given Senna until February 15 to withdraw an allegation that last season's championship was manipulated in favour of Alain Prost. Patrese and Thierry Boutsen, said he preferred the concept

of multi-sponsor financing, in preference to the single big deals of his main rivals. "It gives us more independence and if one sponsor should need to drop out, it may damage the ship, but it

won't sink it." Labatt will share equal billing with ICI, Elf and Barclay on the team's cars this year, with Canon remaining as the

SPORT IN BRIEF

Noah: last year

Paris (Reuter) - Yannick

Noah, aged 29, the French

tennis player, said in an

interview published yesterday

with the monthly magazine

Tennis de France that he plans

to retire at the end of this year.

Time to go

Left out

Britain's professional riders have been excluded from the Girvan three-day cycling classic in Scotland at Easter after insisting they be allowed to field six-man teams instead of the usual four. The Professional Cycling Association is now looking for funding to promote its own stage race at

Last four

Durham Wasps, the holders will meet Sunderland Chiefs and Whitley Warriors will play Cleveland Bombers in the semi-finals of ice hockey's Castle Eden Cup on February

New captain

Pam Valentine, from Wrexham, was named yesterday as captain of the Welsh women's international golf team.

Games' record holder may be dismissed Sydney - Lisa Martin, the

clear favourite to win the women's marathon at the Commonwealth Games, in Auckland in just under three weeks' time, may be expelled from the Australian team because she wants to travel to and from the Games independently of the 316 other team members (David Powell writes).

Martin, the Commonwealth record holder with 2hr 23min 51sec, and a silver medal winner at the Seoul Olympics, wishes to be treated as "a special case", her coach, Dick Telford, says.

But the Australia chef de mission, Arthur Tunstall, said: "There are no stars in this team. They will leave as a team and if they don't, they don't go at all."

A game that still lags far

1991 World Rugby Union Cu brings into focus a tournamen

However, rugby un mains a sport that is u

Western Europe (excep France and the British Isles)

The development has suffered

Of the countries which will participate in the 1991 Weds' Cup, the sport is only really popular in the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Austra-

results: England 60, Japan 7; New Zealand 70, Italy 6; New Zealand 74, Fiji 13: France 70, Zimbabwe 12.

until 1987 that a world championship was staged shows the extent to which the game's development has so Compare this with some other sports: the Olympic Games, (1896), football (1930), basketball (1950), cycling (1893), and gymnastics

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(1903). Internationally, rugby lags in popular interest and participation is way behind basketball, with 250 million players in 178 affiliated comtries, volleyball, with 171 affiliated countries, and ice hockey, which may have few participants but has the concentrated excellence of a pro-

fessional sport.
Rugby authorities justificellence in an amateur as a professional game. American football may be played to a Seper Bowl, some players will be bigger and stronger than prop forwards and faster than

However, what a few people in Rugby Union have only recently grasped is that dedication is commonplace in many genuinely amateur

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By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A man who raped his former for the Attorney General, said tant with a baseball but had a girl friend had his two-year sentence lengthened to four and a half years by the Court of Appeal in London yesterday under new powers to review over-lenient sentences.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, said the decision was a "victory for those of us who have been protesting against powder-puff sentences for criminals."

The judges, headed by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, agreed with Sir Patrick Maybew, QC, the Attorney General, that the sentence on Paul Thornton, aged 31, was unduly lenient"

Thornton, of Leighton Buz-zard, Bedfordshire, looked shocked as the decision was announced Earlier, Mr Anthony Dalgleish, his counsel, accepted that the sentence imposed at St Albans Crown Court last September was

However, he urged the judges not to intervene under powers granted to them by the Criminal Justice Act which came into force last

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Lord Lane said Thornton had a 20-month relationship with the 18-year-old victim.
She had asked that they remained friends after she ended it but after she called to visit him earlier last year, he stripped and raped her. Lord Lane, who sat with Mr

Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Hutchison, said: "The fact that the parties live together for 20 months does not obviously license the man to have sexual intercourse with the girl. It is, however, a factor to which some weight must be

But we have come to the conclusion that this sentence was outside the proper limits of the judge's discretion in this

Mr Edward Bevan, counsel

earlier that Thornton had used force when it must have been absolutely obvious to him that the girl was unwilling.

At St Albans, Judge Goldstone had told Thornton that men should not use their superior physical strength on

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, said yes-terday that the Court of Appeal's decision was part of a pattern that reflected public concern over sentencing for rape. He said that in the past two years the average sentence for rape had increased from three years eight months to six years. "In recent times the courts have been responding to public concern by increasing sentences. It would appear to

women, but that his case was at the lower end of the bracket. Mr Dickens said: "I have, in

be part of that pattern."

the past, been rebuked in the House of Commons for criticizing judges for doling out too-lenient sentences. This decision entirely

vindicates my criticism. "This means that criminals can no longer walk out of a court laughing at authority believing they have been

lightly treated. "They now know that the spectre lurks of an increased punishment if the law officers

"These judges have doubled what was plainly a derisory

"I would have liked to see it increased further, but at least this will act as a serious warning to other potential rap. ists that they can no lower expect leniency from the Court of Appeal.'

In a second case before the court, a young sub post office raider who terrified an assis30-month jail sentence doubled to five years.

The Court of Appeal judges acted on a recommendation by the Attorney General to increase the sentence on Steven Lloyd Lacey, aged 23, under their powers to review 100-lenient penalties.

Lord Lane, sitting in London with the same too judges, agreed the sentence was "plainly below the acceptable limit".

Lacey, of Queenswood Road, Moseley, Birmingham, with only one previous court appearance for a minor offence and said to come from a good home, showed no emotion as the decision was announced.

Lacey carried out the raid with an accomplice who was never caught.

He used a baseball bat to smash the glass protection screen at the office in Bartley Green, Birmingham, after £4,000 in cash had been

Mr Edward Bevan, for the Attorney General, said a deterrent sentence was called for because small businesses such as sub post offices were particularly vulnerable to Lord Lane said: "So far as it

is possible, the courts must provide such protection as they can to those who carry out the services which fulfill a very important function in the suburbs of our large cities. "It must be made clear to

those minded to commit these offences that severe sentences will be imposed in order to persuade robbers or other greedy people that it is simply not worth the candle." Mr Henry Spooner, Lacey

counsel, said it would be foolish to pretend the sentence was not lenient. However, he said it was not so far out of line that the court should

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Pride of BR stands disused and disgraced

Sidelined: The Advanced Passenger Train was the British answer to the European high-speed routes. It did not, however, complete its trials satisfactorily. By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

Standing in a siding in Crewe, one of British Rail's highspeed Advanced Passenger Trains, taken out of service in July 1985 after a series of humiliating trials, languishes in disgrace with the vision it once embodied.

The 10-year, £60 million project emerged from the realization that Britain could not develop the high-speed rail routes being built on the Continent; it would have to concentrate on obtaining high-speed performance on existing mainline track.

Scientists began examining rail suspension systems and the reaction of wheels on rails in the 1960s. The culmination of their efforts was the APT complete with the infamous tilt mechanism for taking corners at speeds in excess of 140mph — to run between London and

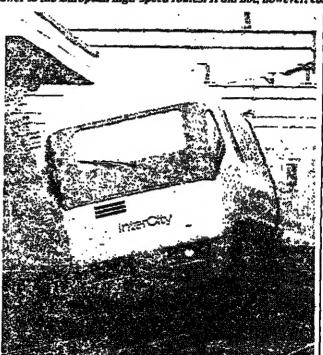
The idea was simple. If it was dark, you would think the line between London and said yesterday: "It's been out Glasgow was dead straight," a in the open for a long time, and BR spokesman said. On one is beginning to look a bit sad."

occasion, however, the mechanism failed to tilt, and the journalists on board lost no time in branding the project a

The train was made obsolete by the introduction of the shuttle service between London and Glasgow, and the completion of the motorway between the two cities. Demand fell and the APT was withdrawn because of high maintenance costs. BR nevertheless insists that

the 260 million spent on research and development was money well spent; many of the project's technical breakthroughs have been incorporated in the new 140mph InterCity 225s serving the east coast mainline between London and Leeds.

Now in the hands of the Crewe railway heritage mueum, the APT seems to have ment as it was in service. BR



The APT featured a tilt mechanism which was supposed to let the train take corners at speeds of more than 140mph.

Cash goes towards new car

The winner of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize was Mr Deryck Allen of Sheffield.

He is a retired teacher of applied mathematics at Sheffield University and has been taking part in the competition since it started four years ago.

"I check my numbers in bed every morning, over a cup of tea," he said. The money will go towards a new car, which Mr Allen now hopes to buy within the next "I was delighted to be the

sole winner, and will cer-

Hospital kidnap

Stolen baby 'may face serious danger'

one-day-old baby snatched from its parents in a London hospital by a woman posing as a health visitor could be in serious danger if it is not returned as soon as possible, Scotland Yard detectives warned yesterday.

Appealing for the woman to come forward or for help from the public, Det Supt John Bassett said the baby may have been taken from St Thomas's Hospital by someone ignorant of a small baby's needs, a woman who had lost a child or who was suffering from post-natal depression.

of a planned kidnapping of a The 7lb 5oz baby called Alexandra has black hair and was dressed in a white

There are however few cases

Babyero with a teddy bear motif on one breast and covered with a white hospital blanket. She is healthy and not the baby for tests and weighing receiving any medication.

The parents, Miss Dawn Griffiths, aged 20, and Mr Geoffrey Harris, aged 25, were walked in there with extreme release the baby. From the that would be on demand did not take any resaid by Mr Bassett to be coolness and said she was a little she said it is difficult to somewhere between every two woman, he said.

The abduction of a new-born baby

from St Thomas's Hospital by a bogus health visitor on Thursday night bears

remarkable similarities to the kidnap-

ping of Natalie Horrell in May 1988

and conforms to one of three

characteristic patterns identified in

Mrs Maggie Horrell of Caerphilly,

Mid Glamorgan, who was reunited with her daughter five days after she

was taken by a woman posing as a

detective in a Cardiff store, yesterday

offered her support to the parents of

"It is the most awful nightmare any

random child stealing.

Alexandra Kingsley.



ing records of women who might have lost babies recently and also details of former staff who would know the layout of the hospital. The baby was snatched

from Grosvenor Ward, a labour ward on the sixth floor of the hospital, on Thursday: evening. The ward is divided into bays with cubicles and the woman went to the parents as they sat in the first cubicle by the public entance.

The woman said she needed and the parents were not

for what has happened to your child.

You must not blame yourself because

Delia McCall, aged 44, was jailed

for three years for the premeditated

kidnapping of Natalie Horrell, aged five months. At her trial she was

described as "a pathological har" who

had feigned pregnancy to her es-

The case bears the hallmarks of

tranged husband on three occasions.

what Dr Paul d'Orban, consultant psychiatrist at the Royal Free Hos-

pital, north London, describes as

manipulative stealing, involving a

it can happen to any mother.".

Mr Bassett said: "She walked in there with extreme



Mr Bassett holds clothing

like that worn by the baby. health visitior and said a few things which made the mother

mother can go through. You have to woman who needs to produce a baby fight the feeling of blaming yourself to cement an unstable relationship,

often following a miscarriage".

But Dr d'Orban believes that:

young women from emotionally:

deprived backgrounds and in need of

comfort" are more frequent offenders.

They may have had a child

adopted because they are unable to

look after it, and are desperate for

something they can call their own," he

said. Probation is usually the most

guidance to help them mature and

These women need emotional

A third group of offenders, for

appropriate "treatment".

develop their self-esteem."

does look as though it was be OK." premeditated."

to be in her early thirties, had a speech impediment which might have been a disguise. She had a baby carrier with her and slipped out of the hospital with the baby, unnoticed by staff.

The parents became alarmed after 20 minutes when the woman did not return. When the mother questioned staff they knew something was wrong since health visitors would not have been on the ward at that time.

Police were called and the hospital was sealed but the baby and the woman had

Mr Ian Balmers, the hospital's deputy general man-ager, yesterday said there was no immediate threat to the haby long as she was fed. The baby was regularly. being breast fed and normally

He said tighter security at The woman, who called the hospital might not have herself Christine and appeared prevented the baby's disappearance. The daily operation of a large hospital relied on trust of the public.

"I am not sure that if we had increased security then officers could have prevented

"We had three security guards on duty at the hospital. This is the first time that anything like this has happened and we are going to review security."

Mr Balmers confirmed that the woman had entered the hospital carrying a "baby nest". He said: "The woman was carrying a baby nest, one of those cocoon-like things.

"It was not unusual, how ever, when she took the baby out of the hospital - there is nothing unusual about a mother carrying a child out of hospital. The staff on the ward were doing other duties and did not take any notice of the

police and the public.

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on fantasies or temptation."

women. Dr d'Orban insists, has

"It takes more than an overwhelm-

ing maternal urge for a woman to act

Abduction conforms to characteristic pattern

whom detention in hospital may be the only answer, are women suffering a chronic mental illaess, such as schizophrenia, who steal a child during an acute relapse, sometimes under the delusion that it is their own. They are normally caught quickly, because their condition is obvious to services used by their own; So-called "tug-of-love" cases apart, residents from the same date. there are about 50 convictions every "This timetable will enable:

the benefits of contractual

Speeded up health reforms timetable 'is a nightmare'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

nificantly speeded up to ensure that an internal market is adopted uniformly across the country by April next year, the Government said yesterday.

However, health service meet the ambitious new timescale, which brings some of the proposals forward by three years, and described it as a "nightmare".

Under guidance issued with the NHS White Paper, districts were supposed to draw up contracts for services with individual hospitals in stages,

between 1991 and 1994. allocating resources to reflect the resident population, essential for an internal market. were to be introduced under a similarly phased timescale.

Both moves would then allow health authorities to start trading with hospitals and NHS trusts under an internal market.

However, in a written Commons answer, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said that he expected all districts to have set up contracts with NHS trusts, and other "directly managed" hospitals and units, by April 1991. To enable them to do this, all districts would be funded to meet the cost of

funding to be achieved more quickly and more uniformly. than original proposals in agreed with NHS managers, it Working Paper 2 which in-volved different District gional officers were consulted.

The timetable for the health Health Authorities and units service reforms has been sig-moving at different time-nificantly speeded up to en-scales," Mr Clarke said. However, Miss Barbara

Young, former president of the Institute of Health Services Management, said that many hospitals would find it managers said last night that it extremely difficult, if not would be almost impossible to impossible, to meet the new deadline. Most hospitals did not have the information systems to produce even rough costs of their services. "It will be a nightmare to get

all the work done to start the system operating in time." Miss Young, district general manager of Parkside health authority, west London, said.

Managers and accountants Changes in the method of already bad their hands full trying to sort out financial difficulties in many districts, she said. Hospitals could find in April 1991 that they did not have enough money to fund services because contracts had not been properly costed.

The change in the timetable is due mainly to the impracticality of phasing in the reforms. Ministers realized that if some self-governing hospitals and GP budgets were to start operating in April 1991, they would need costings based on resident populations.

Working Paper 2 suggests that districts and GPs should have contracts in place with self-governing hospitals by April 1991 and draw up all contracts with individual hospital and management upits by April 1994 at the latest.

Although Mr Clarke's Commons answer says the timetable has been discussed and

Specialists fear care of elderly will suffer

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Standards of care for the elderly will be decreased dramatically as a result of the Government's health service reforms, medical specialists say in the January issue of the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine.

The new contract for general practitioners could mean that some elderly people will find it harder to register with a GP, while the reforms will damage hospital care, according to two consultants in geriatric medicine, Dr Roger Lewis and Dr Robin McNabb, of Guy's Hospital, south-east London.

They say the introduction of GPs' budgets will encourage doctors to limit costs by reducing hospital referrals and investigations of illnesses.

"The elderly are prime targets for such neglect. The Government's policy of promoting private nursing homes will encourage this approach, since any neglect that leads to patients needing continuous nursing care can be resolved by transferring the patient to a private nursing home without having a specialist assessment."

It would be financially expedient for GPs to "sugst" to a physically impaired and senile patient that a more satisfactory place to live would be in such a home. This would then be at the Government's expense rather than to the detriment of the GP's budget."

The consultants argue that while the emphasis of the government reforms is on cost-effectiveness, private nursing homes are now costing the taxpayer about £1,000 million a year,

"Any elderly patient can be admitted without the agreement of, or an examination by, their GP, let alone an assessment by a hospital team specially trained in elderly care," they say.

"Elderly people can thus be admitted at the taxpayers' expense, even though such care is not necessary." Many patients were uprooted, away from familiar surroundings.

"The Government's plans will change the face of geniatric medicine, possibly to the point of extinction. Planning services for the local population will be compromised, the quality of patient discharge will deteriorate, acute admissions to geriatric departments will be reduced and continuing care handed increasingly to the private

Surgeons 'ultimately responsible for getting donor's consent' Street kidney specialist; Mr Michael patients beforehand and without ensuring

By John Young

A surgeon carrying out a transplant operation could not avoid the ultimate responsibility of ensuring that the donor had freely consented, a disciplinary hearing of the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

Mr Robert Ross-Taylor, a former president of the British Transplantation Society and a consultant surgeon at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, told the bearing that he thought the surgeon was entitled to expect that others concerned in the operation had carried out

However, if the "team" let him down he could not abrogate his responsibility for btaining the donor's consent.

Mr Ross Taylor was giving evidence at the end of the third week of the hearing into charges of serious professional misconduct against Dr Raymond Crockett, a Harley

Bewick, a transplant surgeon; and Mr that not just the physical aspects of the Michael Joyce, a urologist and donor

Mr John Goldring, QC, for Mr Joyce, recalled that the hearing had been told that in many cases the denor surgeon, who removes the organ from the donor, was simply used by the transplant surgeon, who operates on the recipient, as "a technician". To me that is an anathema," Mr Ross-Taylor said.

"That does not mean necessarily that it is improper?" Mr Goldring asked. "I think it does." Mr Ross-Taylor said.

Mr Goldring suggested that in many cases the donor surgeon would take it on trust that the physician and the transplant surgeon had made the necessary inquiries and that it was ethical to operate. Mr Ross-Taylor said that surgeons

should not operate on people without

checking the investigations, without seeing

operation but that the whole procedure was correct. "If you choose to take that on trust from someone else I think you are crazy," he said. Doctors were all taught at medical school and during their postgraduate training that responsibility did not start when the knife

was put in or end with the removal of the last stitch, he said. Mr Goldring suggested that frequently the donor surgeon was not called to the hospital until the day before the operation was due to take place. "Would that system be right?" be asked. "It would not," Mr

Ross-Taylor said. Mr Goldring suggested that Mr Ross-Taylor was exercising his professional judgement and that others might be Mr Ross-Taylor agreed but added that a

donor surgeon who was brought into the

picture very late in the day, without having done his "work-up", had not done enough. Cross-questioned by Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, for Dr Crockett, Mr Ross-Taylor agreed that there were some people who did not think it was unethical to pay donors, but for his part he would not carry out a transplant operation unless he was convinced that there was an emotional relationship between donor and recipient. This did not mean solely that they were close relatives.

He said he would need to be satisfied that it was an act of altruism; by definition, that precluded any payment. Mr Ross-Taylor said that there was a shortage of cadaver kidneys. There were some 3,800 people on the

2,000 operations were likely to be carried out this year. He said that it would be "highly unethical" if parents were to receive

payment for making the organ of a dead child available. The medical profession was constantly being accused of using undesirable means of persuading people to part with their organs all of which were totally untrue. If it were to become involved with

financial considerations, it would give further ammunition to those who were opposed to transplants.

Mr Ross-Taylor said that if live donors were going to be brought from overseas, those responsible would have to be very careful that they were not given misleading information, that they were properly informed of the risks and that no unacceptable forms of persuasion were exerted.

"Would you include payment among

waiting list for transplants and only about those unacceptable forms of persuasion? Mr Henderson asked. "Top of the list," Mr Ross-Taylor said. The hearing continues on Monday.

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tives, headed by Det Supt ix meeting John Stainthorpe, have interviewed more than 15,000 miles away at Loxley, people. When Mr Stainthorpe arrived at work yesterday he found a minute-long message on the incident room answering phone from a woman who her body was found 10 days did not give her name. Later later, near Twycross, in he said: "I urgently want to Leicestershire.

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family in exile. The work by Henri Chapu, the most distinguished French scriptor of the age, was commissioned when the duchess died after childbirth, at the age of 34 in the 1880s.

the wind the backed with the second of State of It comprises a marble portrait of the duchess sorrounded by her flowing hair which, it is said, was being

combed as she died. In 1979 the duchess's bones were removed to the family massieum at the Royal Chapel of St Louis Dreux in

and trying to survive since the lives and left them almost crash. I estimate it has cost us insurance companies warned Spain, but we have no money

more than £40,000. We cannot afford to go on living in to return to England. Our situation is desperate. We are The other vehicle involved

in the crash was a Mercedes 450SL sports car belonging to Sir Graham Eyre, QC, a deputy judge. Sir Graham believed the vehicle to be locked in the garage of his villa near Calahonda when, in fact, it had been taken without his permission by Sr José York, a Spaniard who claimed he was employed part-time to look after the Mercedes. According to Spanish police, Sr York was



Mr and Mrs Lewis: Crash

couple's Peugeot being driven by Mrs Lewis.

She was trapped for more than an hour with a crushed chest, broken ribs, internal bleeding and extensive leg injuries. "It was a miracle I survived," she said.

Sr York claimed at the time that, despite not having a driving licence, he had Sir Graham's permission to drive. He has since left the area and cannot be traced. Sir Graham's own 'green card' was not in force because he was in Britain and has stated that Sr York had no per-mission to drive the car. The couple themselves did not have 'green card' cover.

The Norwich Union, Sir Graham's insurers, said in a letter to Mr and Mrs Lewis's Spanish solicitor: "As the driver is Spanish and is not subject to the jurisdiction of our country, any proceedings issued must be in Spain against the driver.

"A 'green card' was not in force at the time of the accident. Therefore, the cover is restricted to the minimum compulsory insurance in

Mrs Lewis, who has had numerous operations on her legs and still requires further surgery, said she and her husband had sold their home in Tamworth, Staffordshire, after her husband retired from his job as a Jaguar car worker and had decided to take a long holiday on the Costa del Soi to

Scottish Enterprise head named Sir David Nickson, one of retary of State for Scotland, to regenerate the Scottish

Scotland's leading business- had been widely predicted. men, was yesterday appointed Scottish Enterprise is to be as the chairman of Scottish established by the Govern-Enterprise, which will merge the work of the Scottish Development Agency and the Training Agency (Kerry Gill

Child murder inquiry

Detective's plea to

anonymous caller

By Peter Davenport

A detective leading the in- hear from this woman again

vestigation into the murder of and strongly appeal to her to a girl aged 10 four years ago ring me. I will meet her

made an urgent appeal yes- anywhere at any time and

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by officers investigating the are, however, certain ques-

tacked and sexually assaulted. was abducted while near her

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anonymity.

Mr Stainthorpe said he was

convinced the message was

not a "crank" call. He de-

clined to disclose the informa-

tion given but said it would be

investigated further. "There

tions I would like to put

the subject of a wider inquiry,

involving six police forces,

investigating possible connec-

tions with the killing of two

Susan Maxwell, aged 11.

home at Coldstream in the

Borders in July 1982 and her

body found 15 days later, 200

A year later, Caroline Hogg,

aged five, was abducted near

her home in Edinburgh and

lion project to build a new Roman Catholic church at

The murder of Sarah is also

One of the country's largest

that the plight of Mr Stanley

Lewis and his wife Rita, who

was crippled by the crash in

July 1987, illustrated an im-

portant but little appreciated problem for Britons involved

Norwich Union said: "The

public are being misled into thinking that, because Euro-

pean barriers are coming

down and because British

insurance documents are now

acceptable in other Common

Market countries, they can

expect the same cover abroad

as they can at home. The fact

is they can't unless they have

obtained a 'green card', and the personal cover in many

European countries is much.

In the case of Mrs Lewis, it meant that third-party per-sonal injury liability was re-

stricted to a maximum of

£8,500 under Spanish law.

Under British requirements,

there has traditionally been

The couple have been fight-

tion for Mrs Lewis, aged 52,

who was a keen sportswoman

and dancer before she sus-

tained extensive chest and leg

At the couple's £15,000

hedsitter in Fuengirola on the

Costa del Sol, Mrs Lewis said:

injuries in the accident.

unlimited personal cover.

in car accidents abroad.

Sir David, chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Brewcries, is presently chairman of the SDA. His appointment, by Mr Malcolm Rifland, Sec-

woman informant who might

have important information

The woman left a message

on the answering phone at a West Yorkshire Police in-

cident room in Leeds manned

abduction and murder of Sa-

She disappeared on March

26, 1986, near her home in

Morley and her partly clothed

body was found on April 19,

almost 70 miles away in the

river Trent, Nottinghamshire.

She had been violently at-

Since her murder detec-

about the case.

ment later this year.

More surprising, however, was the announcement yesterday that Mr Iain Robertchief executive of the SDA, had chosen to return to the private sector. He is to become group finance director of County Natwest Limited.

economy by merging training and economic development The Highlands and Islands

Enterprise organization, which is to replace the High-lands and Islands Development Board, will run in

Much of the workload and decision making will be han-dled by small enterprise bod-Scottish Enterprise will seek ies run by local businessmen.

end its boycott of Stormont

ministers is being viewed with

grave concern by leaders of Ulster's two Unionist parties.

In the wake of the keynote

speech by Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for North-

ern Ireland, in which he

expressed hopes that inter-

party talks might soon be

possible. Unionist leaders are

worried that their four-year

campaign of opposition to the

Anglo-Irish Agreement may

be crumbling at the precipi-

Ards Borough Council in

Co Down decided on Tuesday

by 11 votes to 7 to formally

end its boycott - in place since

December 10, 1985, a month

after the signing of the treaty.

it is the province's first

Unionist-controlled council to

lift its ban and the decision

defied the wishes of Ulster

Unionist Party (UUP) and Democratic Unionist Party

Mr Jim Wilson, UUP sec-

retary, said yesterday: "I

would like to see the party

strengthening its position in

tative moment.

(DUP) leaders.

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Time system change

School of Falconry at Stelling Minnis,

Kent, which the couple founded in

1982. For £250 participants will be

Warning of darkness and danger

Large areas of Scotland would be plunged into darkness and danger during winter mornings if proposals to adopt Central European time were enacted in Britain, the Scottish National Party says.

It has condemned any attempt to have the clocks put forward and has written to Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, expressing its anger at the Government taking no account of Scottish feelings on

Mr John Swinney, the party's national secretary, said yesterday: "Yet again, it is crystal clear that we have a London government which is completely out of touch with Scottish opinion and is only concerned with the views and the wellbeing of the south of England."

There was no need for a single European zone, he said in a letter to Mr Waddington.

Mr Swinney pointed out that the United States and the Soviet Union managed to live with several different

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

A decision this week by a Agreement rather than show- Ireland Office ministers had

He did not know of other

contemplating a similar move.

though he was aware that

individual councillors else-

where favoured lifting the ban.

welcomed the Ards decision.

saying it helped to give sub-

stance to Mr Brooke's con-

fidence that Ulster's political

environment was improving.

The Ards decision, on a

motion proposed by Mr

Bobby McBride, a UUP coun-

cillor, came after a heated

6 Boycott policy has

outlived its

usefulness 9

debate. It was passed with the

backing of six of the seven

UUP members present - the

other abstained - and with the

support of all four alliance

councillors and one indepen-

dent. All seven DUP members

The motion said that while

the council resolutely opposed

voted against.

Government sources have

time zones with ease. A a broad section of the Scottish community and industrial sectors had united against any change, he

"Public concern over the safety of schoolchildren ranks as paramount in the concerns of many of us. In addition, those employed outdoors, such as agricultural and construction workers, would be forced to alter their normal working hours or alternatively spend the first two hours of their day in darkness and often freezing temperatures."

Mr Swinney's letter added; "If public speculation is to be believed, it is staggering that your department has rejected the consensus of opinion within Scotland where particular hardship will be caused as a result of these changes."

The Government is widely expected to decide in favour of a change. But if a parliamentary debate is held on the subject, it is expected that Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland,

"outlived its usefulness".

Unionist-controlled councils cont had rendered councillors

Mr McBride said the boy-

unable to influence govern-

ment policy. "It is not nec-

essary to remain aloof from

NIO ministers who continue

to make the major decisions

"I would like this council

and its officers to be able to

argue with ministers and in-

fluence ministerial decisions.

The boycott should, and can,

be replaced by more powerful

means - none greater than

democratic argument," he

Mr Kenneth Baker, the

Conservative Party chairman,

has met the chairmen of the

four newly created Conser-

vative Associations in Ulster

to discuss plans for their

further growth (Nigel Wil-

liamson writes). He said ves-

terday he was "delighted" to

hear of the progress the associ-

ations had made.

election.

affecting our borough.

will fight the plan. All political parties in Scotland oppose a change which would mean day breaking at 10am in the north of Scotland in winter. Special maps of Scotland are to be

the title Country Woman of the Year,

said: "Rearing owls is a very difficult

drawn to show areas threatened by acid rain. An Edinburgh conference in 1988 found that there was a need to identify Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Scottish environment minister, said yesterday: "The symposium confirmed that the area south of the Great Glen is vulnerable to acidification with Gallo-

way and the Trossachs showing the most significant effects." There had been slight improvement in acidity levels since 1970 "but further emission reduction of at least 50 per cent will be necessary to produce really

significant improvements". The maps of the sensitive areas are to be produced by the Macaulay Land Use

Unionists fear opposition Gull deaths renew to Anglo-Irish pact fading pesticide concern

Scientists in Scotland have the Thurso Veterinary Infound high levels of the chemical Dichlerves, the main ingredient of a pesticide used in the fish farming industry, in 15 dead herring gulls (Kerry

Gill writes). The gulls were found near fish cages in north-west Sutherland and were said by an onlooker to be "dropping from the sky" after apparently con-saming the pesticide Nuvan.

The gulls were found at a fish farm in Badcall Bay, close to the village of Scourie, operated by Mr Joseph Johnston and Co, of Montrose. The incident was reported and the dead gulls sent for analysis.

Conservationists expressed deep concern over the incident: for several years they have criticized the use of Nuvan against sea lice.

Mr Marshall Halliday, managing director of Joseph Johnston and chairman of the Scottish Salmon Growers' Association, said he was certain the chemical had come from another source.

He denied any suggestion that the poison had been deliberately laid around the Conservative candidates have stood in council byelections in the province and may stand against Ulster the Anglo-Irish Agreement, its Unionists at the next general

The birds were spotted by the farm manager who notified

vestigation Centre. Their tissue was sent to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries laboratory at East Craigs, Edinburgh.

A laboratory said the matter was under discussion between the department and Joseph Mr Halliday said the deaths

were a mystery. The birds were found over two days in November.

"We were surprised and very concerned and immediately checked all our proce dures and we are satisfied that there is no way the Dichlorvos could come from the fish farm.

"We pride ourselves on being a responsible company in an environmental sense and in this instance we believe we have acted totally responsibly," he said.

Mr David Dick, investigations officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of

Birds, said he was appalled by the incident. The link between the chemical and fish farming had become notorious. Although herring gulls were not a protected species the area around fish cages attracted protected birds such as herons, cormorants and shags.

Boy, 11, is accused of father's murder

mother. We are trying to encourage

breeding pairs to be set up in aviaries

An boy aged 11 appeared before Rossendale magistrates at Rawstenhall, Lancashire, charged with the murder of his father, aged 70. He spoke four times to confirm his name, age, that he understood the charge and to give his address. Miss Patricia Bramley, for the prosecution, successfully

applied for him to be remanded in the care of a local authority outside the district until next Friday. There was no bail application. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Actor buried Ian Charleson, the actor who

died after a long struggle against the Aids virus, was buried yesterday in Edin-burgh. Only family and close friends attended. A memorial service will be held in London.

Orphans' treat

Rugby union clubs in Cumbria are planning to bring 150 Romanian orphans to the Lake District for Easter. The clubs entertained Romanian teams before the uprising.

Drain gain

The Stanton Works, of llkeston, Derbyshire, has won a £250,000 contract to provide drains for a prison near Milton Keynes, Buckingham-shire, so that each cell can have a flush lavatory.

Police search

Police with dogs searched the area around Milnthorpe. Cumbria, yesterday for Miss Valerie Snaith, aged 28, who was last seen on Thursday

Child drowned A deputy coroner recorded a

verdict of accidental death on Jaskaren Dhinsa, aged two, of Irwell Street, Bradford, West Yorkshire, who drowned while playing in her bath,

Aids deaths up Sixty-four people had died from Aids in Scotland by the end of 1989, out of 132 reported cases. Six more cases were reported in December

Heritage body stops church auction of royal tomb

relation to the Anglo-Irish policy of boycotting Northern

Unionist-controlled council to ing signs of weakness."

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent The tomb of one of Queen France at the request of a Victoria's first coasins has descendant. Recently, during a £3.5 mil-Parrowly escaped auction at

Weybridge and convert St A priest had sent it for Charles Borromeo, Father auction because there were Charles Jeffries, who was in plans to convert the Roman charge of the scheme, decided stood into a photographic to sell the tomb to France. The bones have been

> church it seemed a sensible "But the French were not interested in it, except as a gift, and so it has has gone to

> He had been completely enaware of the legal implications and was astonished at He said he had been advised that the best way to get it back

> to where he believed it belonged would be to auction it, giving "wealthy French families" an opportunity to buy. The tomb was taken to Sotheby's, London, where it was valued at £10,000-



The effigy of the Duchesse de Nemours, whose removal is at the centre of the dispute. £15,000. The plan to sell, David Prout, the society's Weybridge". He said the however, was disrupted when architectural adviser, said. local councillors, on a visit to Mr Peter Howell, the chair-

duchess had been removed. The Victorian Society and bullies" as Father Jeffries profit." calls them, intervened.

the church, discovered the man, said: "When building this new church, it seemed to me that the most important English Heritage, or "the little factor was maximum financial

He felt that in spite of the "The tomb's removal is a French connection "there is a incident as another example of come to appeal in April, and scandal and a disgrace," Mr very strong case for it to stay in the Roman Catholic church may be overturned.

effigy was one of a group of 11 royal tombs in Weybridge's two old Roman Catholic churches and "a great deal of historic interest lies in their survival as a complete set".

Lobbyists were particularly incensed because they see the

in Listed Buildings law from which it is exempt. At the last annual meeting

of the Victorian Society, Mr Howell called for the ending of ecclesiastical exemption for non-Anglican churches. "The whole business shows the Catholic church needs to

be regulated by listed building regulations," Mr Prout said. Now, on the advice of Dr Richard Morris of English

Heritage, the local council has insisted that Father Jeffries put in a formal retrospective application for permission to remove the tomb. In the mean time he must bring it back. The likelihood that per-

mission for the removal of the tomb will be granted is slight, considering the force of objection. The irony is that the court case on which the heritage

groups are basing their stance. which involved the conviction of an executor for the estate of Orchardleigh House, near Frome, Somerset, for selling fixtures and fittings, is due to

scheme by Palumbo By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Appeal against City

The conservation group Save believe this case has major

against a High Court decision ings and conservation areas all to allow the developer Peter over Britain. Palumbo to go ahead with his controversial £140 million scheme involving the demolition of eight listed buildings in the City of London.

and Webb site near Mansion House, has been the subject of two public inquiries. It was finally approved by

Mr Nicholas Ridley, then Secretary of State for the Environment, last June. Save Britain's Heritage took the issue to the High Court in

November, arguing that it was a crucial test case and claiming that Mr Ridley had been wrong to approve it. The group's objections were overruled and it was ordered

costs, estimated at £50,000.

Heritage, said yesterday: "We might just be a masterpiece."

Britain's Heritage is to appeal implications for listed build-

"We remain profoundly dissatisfied with the Secretary of State's reasoning in allowing the demolition of the eight listed buildings and a whole The scheme, on the Mappin acre of London's central conservation area."

The designs by James Stirling for the new buildings to replace the listed Victorian premises were criticized by the Prince of Wales, who likened them to a "1930s wireless set". Mr Ridley, however, ac-

cepted the assessment of the inquiry inspector that the proposals "by their dignified order, their imaginative ingenuity and pervading overall consistency, would contribute more both to the immediate to pay three-quarters of the environment and to the architectural heritage than the Announcing the decision to retention of the existing buildappeal, Mr Marcus Binney, ings". The inspector also said president of Save Britain's of the Stirling design: "It

NEWS ROUNDUP

Waddington gives submission pledge

New submissions to the Home Office on behalf of the six men convicted of the Birmingham public house bombings 15 years ago would be considered very speedily, Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, said yesterday (Craig

Mr Waddington said he had started studying the submissions presented to his office, but he was not yet in a position to say whether they amounted to new evidence which could be considered by a court.

The Home Secretary said: "I have a clear responsibility to consider whether there would be new evidence or new considerations which were not before the courts before and which justify the matter going back before the court. If such substantial new evidence is put before me, I will not shrink

from doing my duty, but we are not there yet."

Mr Waddington also denied that an electronic tagging experiment carried out by magistrates in Nottingham had finished two weeks early. He said the pilot scheme was not "a dead duck by any manner of means'

Tesco fined £1,200

The Tesco supermarket at Cheshunt, Hertfordshire yesterday pleaded guilty to six charges of giving misleading information about the price of goods in a hearing at Bulmer East Magistrates' Court. It was fined £1,200 and ordered to

pay £151 costs.

A matter of 14p in false pricing led to the store being forced to change its nationwide pricing policy. Mrs Heather Knowlson set a series of trading standards checks in train after she noticed that the price shown on her till receipt did not tally with that shown registered by the bar scanner.

EC politics defended

Sir Leon Brittan, a European Community commissioner, yesterday entered the dispute between the Government and yesterusy entered the dispute between the Overnment and Conservative members of the European Parliament by calling on Westminster Tories to stop treating EC politics as a "ghetto" (Nigel Williamson writes). He called on MPs and MEPs to work for the good of the party, but his intervention will be interpreted as a rebuke to the Government. Tory MEPs are to meet the Prime Minister on January 24.

170 Liverpool jobs go

More than 160 job losses were announced yesterday at two Liverpool companies. The margarine producers Pura Foods are to shed 125 jobs at their Bootle factory, and Higsons, the brewers, are to end production in Liverpool with the loss of a further 45 jobs. Mr Jim Weir, Pura's managing director, said that the company's Regent Road factory was no longer economic and would be run down over six months.

Shooting case remand

Robert Sartin, aged 22, of Whitley Bay, who is accused of murder and 13 charges of attempted murder, denied one of the charges at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court yesterday. He was arrested shortly after a man was killed and 13 others wounded by gunshots in Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, last April. He denied to one charge put to him, that he attempted to murder Mr William Frank Roberts, and he was semanded in custody uptil February 19 and he was remanded in custody until February 19.

Barricades in prison

An inquiry was ordered yesterday by the governor, Miss Jo Fowler, into how a group of about 20 prisoners managed to take over F wing of the 400-prisoner medium-security Blundeston Prison near Loweston, Suffolk, and hold prison officers at bay with barricades for more than four hours overnight on Thursday. The Home Office said that the disturbance had started in the dining room as a result of an

More police and Army to run 999 services

More police and Army vehicles have been drafted into the ambulance dispute as attitudes harden on both sides in the dispute with a fresh warning from Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, that he would not allow a pay explosion by giving in to union demands.

Frustration threatens to boil over among ambulance crews, who want to bring the dispute to a head to force Mr Clarke's hand.

Although some strikers were said last night to be taking 999 calls again after walking out on Thursday, there were signs that union leaders are worried they may lose control of the national dispute. Anger increased as Mr Clarke underlined his determ-

ination not pay the 9 per cent demanded by the 22,500 ambulance crews and controllers

He said it was a mistake for crews and Mr Roger Poole, chief union negotiator, to believe they could improve the National Health Service offer of 6.5 per cent to 9 per cent plus the guarantee of an annual wage review system.

Mr Clarke said: "If we gave the ambulancemen what they want, it will have a damaging effect on the pay bill and on the service to patients. Roger Poole represents 150,000 ancillary workers. If they see ambulancemen getting what they want by industrial action, I shall have a pay explosion." As he spoke, the five unions involved in the dispute said the number of

police and Army to cover for the ambulance service had risen in just 48 hours from 14 to 21 with 150 police vans and Army ambualness

on the streets. The National Union of Public Employees claimed that the weekly

Industrial sense

cost in South Yorkshire alone was now £322,000 - £251,000 more than the normal ambulance wages bill.

Mr Robin Cook, Shadow health spokesman, said: "Kenneth Clarke has spent more money on hiring the police and the Army to do the job of ambulance staff than it would have cost to settle with the ambulance

meanwhile has said that more than 60 crews in West Sussex stations that went on strike on Thursday would respond to emergencies only from personal callers.

An elderly woman who collapsed in the street at Hove, East Sussex, with a heart attack, was dead when she reached hospital in a police van. It was one of 10 emergency calls answered by Sussex police vehicles in the first 24 hours after ambulancemen in East Sussex escalated their action by refusing to take 999

calls put through by management. Meanwhile 105 crew members in Oxford lost their court fight yesterday to set up an alternative emergency service when a High Court judge continued a ban on them using vehicles and equipment

belonging to Oxfordshire Health Authority.

On Wednesday, Mr Justice Judge granted the authority a temporary injunction after ambulance service chiefs learned that striking crews would not be willing to accept calls from management and were planning an alternative service.

• Two police officers were praised for their skill yesterday after saving a woman aged 23 who "died" five times on the way to hospital in their makeshift ambulance.

The woman, an epileptic, collapsed at her home in Westerham, Kent, and had stopped breathing. Constables Tony Parren and Mark Hinchcliffe gave her the kiss of life and massaged her heart. Last night she was recovering in hospital.

Seven shot in gun battle after raid on Irish bank

Two bank raiders were criti- Emily Square. The cally injured last night after a another of the gang was in-jured after a raid on the Bank of Ireland branch in Athy, Co

They were last night under police guard in hospital and the two remaining members of the gang were under arrest.

Two bank staff were also injured, one of them seriously, and a policeman's arm was grazed by a bullet and a passer-by was also hurt. At least 25 shots were fired.

Five guns and an undisclosed amount of cash were recovered

The drama began shortly after noon when the gang drove up to the bank in a stayed in the car and his four down. accomplices went into the bank and began loading cash

As two of them were leaving be badly injured. they were confronted by Miss Andrea I armed police. One of the ched the dram raiders opened fire on the upstairs window of the ched the dram the ched the ched the dram the ched the c

and armed detectives surrounded the building. They crouched behind cars with

WB Yeats, were stolen. Mr

Edward Plunkett, son of Lord

Dunsany, said three of the

frames - two of them from the

"Van Dyck" paintings - were

Mr Plunkett, who lives in

SALEROOM

ico Zuccaro and telling the life

of his brother Zuccare, ini-

tially as a single lot, paid off

when the price crept over its \$2.5 million estimate.

light in a group of around 60 by the Mannerist artist sold by

the fund for a total of \$4.5

There was disappointment

earlier in the day, however,

when an important landscen-

by Claude Lorrain went unsold

million (£2.739 million).

The drawings were the high-

Irish castle is raided by art thieves

portraits were of Charles I, his found in woodlands near the

Two other paintings by Jack New York and was visiting his B Yeats, brother of the poet family home, indicated that

tems and the thieves, who also

stole silverware and ransacked

the castle library, did not

disturb people asleep upstairs.

A group of 16th-century Ital-

ian drawings, bought by the British Rail Pension Fund for

an undisclosed sum in the

1970s, was sold to a French

investment company for \$2.53 million (£1.5 million) at

Sotheby's New York on

Thursday night (Sarah Jane

The buyer was M Bruno de

Bayser, the Parisian dealer, bidding on behalf of the

investment advisory service

Sotheby's device of offering

the group of 20 drawings by the Manuerist painter Feder-

Checkland writes).

Finacore Art.

second woman.

The missing "Van Dyck"

wife Henriett. Maria, and a castle.

gun battle with detectives and Father Patrick Mangan, a local priest, convinced the gunmen to throw out their

weapons and surrender.
He said later: "I was jus glad when it was all over." Police said: "For a time there was confusion when it ap peared that two raiders had died, but they are in hospital

During the siege the area was sealed off and people were warned not to leave their

An eye-witness, Mr Michael Winkle, a newsagent in the square opposite the bank said: "There was a lot of shooting It was very confusing with police running everywhere stolen BMW. The driver and cars roaring up and

He said he saw two men lying outside the bank on the ment: "They appeared to

Miss Andrea Mulhall watched the drama from an upstairs window of her nearby police and a gun battle ensued. home. She said: "Numerous The two other raiders held shots were fired. Then I saw a 16 staff in the bank hostage person being taken off in an and armed detectives sur-ambulance. There were plainclothes detectives crouched behind cars with guns directed revolvers and machine guns towards the bank. It was very trained on the building in frightening."

alarm systems would now be

fitted at the castle. There have

been many art thefts from

Irish mansions after the theft

in May 1986 of 17 paintings

from Russborough House, Co Wicklow, the home of the

South African diamond mag-

A few of the paintings were

quickly found by boys in a

ditch near the house but the

others - including important

have not been seen since.

that he believed police esti-

value of the paintings might

The record for a Yeats work

One of the two missing

paintings, "In Memory" could

well be worth more than that,

as it is considered one of the

has recently soared to

£247,787 at auction.

artist's best works.

be too high.

works by Vermeer and Goya

Mr Plunkett said of this

nate Sir Alfred Beit.

Soft landing for injured skier



Dr Faigl Burghard carrying Matthew Ander-son, aged six, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, from the De Havilland ambulance aircraft for skiers week's raid on Dunsany Castle mates of £1 million as the after its first flight to Luton Airport yesterday. Matthew, who has a broken leg and is expected to spend two weeks in hospital, was one of six patients flown home from Insubruck, Austria. He said: "We have had brilliant service on the flight. I couldn't have asked for more."

The De Havailland Canada Dash 8, run by Tyrolean Airways, arrived with a red flashing landing light rather than the traditional blue one. The airline intends to run the flight twice a week throughout the the skiing season to bring injured tourists to Luton, Bedfordshire.

Up to 10 patients can be carried on each flight and they are looked after by six specialized doctors and nurses.

The injured skiing party included William Evans, aged eight, from the Wirral, Cheshire, who broke his leg on the first day of his holiday on New Year's Eve, Mr David Kinchen, from Worcester, who broke his ankle; and Mr Andrew Smith, a civil servant aged 23, from Brands Hatch, Kent, who has torn ligaments in

Recession fears grow as truck and bus jobs go

By Kevin Eason

Fears of a recession in the truck and bus manufacturing industry grew yesterday as hundreds of workers faced redundancy and short-time

Leyland Bus is paying off 380 workers at its Farington plant in Lancashire, while AWD, the Dunstable truck company, is asking workers over the age of 50 to volunteer to leave.

Leyland said it had to improve its cost competitiveness in the rapidly changing bus market.

The two biggest British manufacturers of trucks, Ley-land DAF and Iveco Ford, have started short-time working at their main plants.

The sudden decline of the beavy vehicle industry underlines the rapid loss of con-fidence in industry as a result of the Government's high interest rates policy.

Manufacturers say cus-tomers have cut back on investment and this is reflected in reduced orders.

The industry expects last year's record sales of 70,000 trucks of over 3.5 tonnes to fall to 60,000 this year.

 Thousands of workers are preparing wildcat walkouts from Ford's biggest manufacturing plants on Wednesday to try to force the company to raise its 10.2 per cent wage

Despite union assurances that there would be no action during negotiations, workers unofficial strikes on the very day talks are due.

The most damaging walkout could be among 4,000 workers in the paint, trim and assembly shop at Ford's bigeest plant in Dagenham, Es- : 🔰 sex, which makes the bestselling Ford Fiesta and Sierra cars. Their action could cost Ford lost output worth £15

The Dagenham walkout is . likely to be backed by 1,500 men at the huge Bridgend engine plant in South Wales.

Meanwhile, 400 craftsmen at the traditionally hardline plant at Halewood, on Merseyside, are expected to meet today to discuss starting an indefinite strike from Monday morning while there are meetings in many of the Ford's other plants early next week.

Ford said last night: "We would be very disappointyed by any unofficial action. It is very important that our plants keep running."

'Friendly teachers preferred to high exam marks'

Children choose own schools, report says

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

crease parent power may be misplaced, according to a study showing that children, rather than their parents, often play the dominant role in choosing the schools they

By Edward Gorman

and Sarah Jane Checkland

Irish police were last night

hunting a gang of art thieves which stole five paintings

estimated to be worth a total

of £1 million from a castle in

said to be by Van Dyck,

though experts believed last

night that they might be "school of Van Dyck" and

thus worth considerably less

The theft, the latest in a

series in the Republic, is

thought to have taken place

The thieves removed iron

bars from a ground-floor win-

dow of Dunsany Castle, near

The stolen paintings were hanging in the hall and dining

room of the 13th-century

There were no alarm sys-

than the master's work.

early yesterday morning.

They included three works

Co Meath.

Ministers have set great store by increased parental choice of schools, but according to researchers at Sheffield school of their own choice.

Perhaps as a result of this

were friendly than those which had high academic standards.

The study, by Mrs Pam
Boulton and Mr John Coldfriendly teachers who will have a child's future happihad had night study, by Mrs Pam
The report said: waim,
friendly teachers who will have a child's future happipline was important to parents, the majority did not want strict rules severely

Parents questioned at eight primary schools said they Polytechnic's Department of Education, "the vast major-ity" of children end up at the

Although children often had

Government efforts to in- likely to opt for schools which schools. Fathers were often consideration and the vast cut by 20 per cent when they content to leave matters to their wives.

> ness at heart, who understand and deal sympathetically with their worries and anxieties were more important than academic concerns.

"Half the parents interviewed discussed the decision with their children.

"Some parents entirely deferred to their child's wishes. For the majority of parents influence, the academics the final say, mothers played interviewed the desire to ing lectures after the staff were settlement to cover subfound that parents were more the dominant role in choosing avoid confrontation was a told that their pay would be sequent months.

majority of children went to refused to invigilate an exam. their preferred school."

 Hundreds of students at Hundreds of students at the polytechnic, said that the Birmingham Polytechnic boycott had "no effect whatwalked out of lectures yesterday in support of two academics who are facing pay cuts and possible dismissal over their refusal to mark exams as part of industrial action organized by the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (Sam Kiley writes).

Student leaders said at least 450 students boycotted morn-

Dr Peter Wright, director of ever on the running of the

The student union organizing a one-hour strike and demonstration with Natibe in protest at the hard line taken by Dr Wright.

Last month the union rejected a pay offer of 6 per cent from April to September 1989 with a commitment to enter negotiations for a higher

Speelman back from the brink By Raymond Keene Chess Correspondent

Ion Speelman, Britain's world

championship semi-finalist, achieved a near-miraculous escape from disaster in his unfinished 12th-round game in the Foreign and Colonial Grandmaster chess tournament at Hastings, East Sussex.

His opponent, Kevin Sprag-gett (Canada), had pushed Speciman into a desperate situation: a knight ahead with a fierce attack, Spraggett on move 38 could have sacrificed his queen to force checkmate in five moves. This would have been a finish so outstanding that it would have gone round the world.

Instead, desperately short of time to fulfil his complement of 40 moves in the first session. Spraggett panicked made an incorrect capture and threw away his chance. After seven hours and 61 moves Spraggett offered a draw which Speelman accepted,

Pairings in the penultimate round: Artur Yusupov (USSR) white, against Murray Chandler (England) in a queen's pawn opening; Predrag Nikolic (Yugoslavia) white, against Speelman in a queen's gambit opening; Sergcy Dolmatov (USSR), tournament leader, white, against Michael Adams (England) in a Caro Kann defence; Spraggett white, in an English opening Poll tax meeting

Chaos as Tories try to bar protesters

By Kerry Gill

protesters at Lothian Regional Council chambers in Edinburgh started in chaos yesterday as Conservative councillors tried to deny them use of the building.

The event was designed to launch a campaign of support for 17 people due to appear in court on charges of breaching the peace at a sheriff officers'

However, Tory councillors, angry that the building was being used by people refusing to pay for council services, occupied the room set aside for them. The eight members writes). of the Lothian Federation of

Anti-Poll Tax Groups switched to another room, but were hotly pursued by the Tory councillors and a crowd of media personnel. The antipoll tax group then dashed back to the first room. Here, the Tories relented and let the meeting go ahead.

Letters

Mr Andy Clachers, the campaign spokesman, said a fighting fund would be set up to pay for the defence and any fines imposed on the 17 at Edinburgh Sheriff Court

A press conference by poll tax show their support. The meeting, however, soon degenerated into an exchange of views between Mr Clachers and Mr Brian Meek, the Tory group leader.

Later, Mr Meek said several council meetings had been disrupted by anti-poll tax protesters. "I decided it was time for the worm to hit back."

 Ministers and whips have embarked on a damage limitation exercise in an effort to survive next Thursday's poll tax revolt by Conservative backbenchers (Sheila Gunn

Mr David Hunt, the local government minister, has written to all 288 Tory backbenchers, saying that local authorities do not need to impose a community charge over the average forecast fig-ure of around £278 per person.

He will be backed up by personal pleas to individual MPs from Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, to support the central government grants to local authorities totalling £23.1 billion for next year. Only a handful of Tory MPs are expected to vote against the local authority grants after Thursday's debate. The real threat comes from the number

Russia's imperial clan gathers for a ball and Princess Obeleasky, Prince and in London. The lease on the present

By Alan Hamilton

President Gorbachov need have no immediate worries about the rival Moscow power cancus which gathered in the Café Royal in London last night. Grand Duke Vladimir, heir to the Romanov throne and would-be Tsar of All the Russias, was doing nothing more threatening than lending his name to a church fabric appeal fund.

Russian aristocracy can still summon its cream in a good cause. The grand dake and his wife Grand Duchess Leonida, scion of the Georgian royal family Bagration, presided over an assembly which included the Prince and Princess Galitzine, Prince other adherents to the imperial court, who had travelled from all over The War and Peace Ball, now in its

Western Europe to attend. second year, was chaired by Count

Nikolai Tolstoy-Miloslavsky, but pro-ceeds from last night's function were not in aid of the recent record £1.5 million libel award against the Count by the High Court. The Russians want to build a new church. Mrs Carolyn Cripps, secretary of

the Ball committee, said yesterday the

event was intended to raise £10,000

towards the initial £500,000 needed to

build a new Russian Orthodox Church

Princess Masoursy, and nearly 350 church is ending and developers plan to turn it into upmarket studio Orthodox adherents are negotiating for a plot of land in Chiswick, where

they hope to build a new church in the traditional Novgorod style, complete with onion domes. Grand Dake Vledimir, who lives in

Paris, Nice and Madrid, is widely accepted as the legitimate heir to the imperial Russian throne. He is the son of Grand Duke Kyril, a cousin of Tsar Nicholas II, the last reigning Romanov, who was mardered by the Bolsheviks at Ekaterinberg in 1918. He is a cousin of the British Royal Duchess Victoria, the daughter of Queen Victoria's second son Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh. The grand duke, who addressed a

meeting of the right-wing Monday Club on Thursday, attended a similar ball in London last year, when guests elebrated the millenoism of Russian Orthodox Christianity.

Last night the grand duke and his wife presided over a reception, dinner and ball at which the estertainments included Cossack dancing, the or-chestra of the Coldstream Guards and vodka. The only historically jarring note was that the dinner was held in the Cafe Royal's Napoleon Room.

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Governor fails to dispel gloom

From Andrew McEwen, Hong Kong, and Heidi Chay, Peking

Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong Kong, flew back to the colony from his talks in Kong would not be used as a "bringing wind and rain".

Let a lateral relations and blamed the Hong Kong people for too shave gone out, but none be urged by members of the too local politicians who are not be used as a "bringing wind and rain". Peking last night to face deep pessimism among groups campaigning for greater democracy during the final seven years of British rule.

Sir David will brief Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who arrives here today for a four-day visit, on the Chinese reaction to demands for more democracy. Demonstrations calling on

Britain to increase the number of directly elected repre-sentatives for the last two polls under British rule, in 1991 and 1995, are planned for tomorrow. Mr Hurd has, however, made it clear that his priority is continuity, so that constitutional changes made by London are not reversed as soon as Peking takes over. The Governor is under-

stood to have met a tough response when he urged of-ficials in Peking to take a more relaxed view of Hong Kong's wish for a greater proportion of its legislators to be directly elected. He did not indicate how the problem might be resolved. "At this stage, I think we have to wait and see what comes out of the (Basic Law) drafting process," he said. Basic Law, described as a post-1997 mini-constitution, is to undergo final revision in

Sir David said his talks had increased understanding on sensitive political issues but produced few solutions. "I can't say we've solved every problem, but I do think it has been possible to increase understanding and get back to resuming the sort of practical dialogue we need," Sir David

base to subvert their country. "We don't want people from outside Hong Kong to come and use it (the colony) as a bat-

tlefield against China." Talks covered economic issues such as developing Hong Kong's infra-structure, political issues and the incomplete Basic Law. Sir David said China also gave assurances of co-operation on the problem of Vietnamese boat people.

Sir David said he had defended Britain's decision last month to grant passports to 50,000 Hong Kong families, as well as Hong Kong's plan to adopt a Bill of Rights in face of strong Chinese opposition.

Signs of tension during the visit were plentiful. Reports from the official New China news agency described the talks as "candid" and "frank", diplomatic words that often indicate open disagreement. Mr Li Hou, of China's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, told reporters there were "still storm clouds" in bi-



Mr Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, said he was "glad to see that on some issues the two sides are drawing together" and called for closer co-operation in the economic development of

Hong Kong and the mainland. The Joint Committee on the Promotion of Democratic Government, a Hong Kong pressure group, yesterday called on the colony's 5.7 million people to assemble in a central square tomorrow afternoon. But Mr Yeung Sum, one of the organizers. was uncertain how many would go, because of scepticism over Britain's willing-

ness to stand up to China. "People are very pessimis-tic," he said. "They see that Britain is waiting to see what China wants before it announces its policy. He and other leaders of the

roup have been granted a five-minute meeting with Mr Hurd on Monday where they will call for half the Legislative Council members to be directly elected in 1991 and all of them in 1995. None of the present members was directly

The mood in the colony is much quieter than when Sir Geoffrey Howe, then the For-eign Secretary, visited soon after the Tiananmen Square massacre last June. Sir Geoffrey uncountered unprecedented demonstrations, and local officials walked out of a luncheon after his keynote

Every effort is being made

China's leaders that Hong the Hong Kong people for tions have gone out, but none be urged by members of the Kong would not be used as a "bringing wind and rain".

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One of those excluded is Mr Lee Wing-tat, chairman of the Kwai Tsing District Board, who harangued Sir Geoffrey during his luncheon.

Like Mr Yeung Sum, he felt many people would stay away from the demonstration because of disillusionment. "If Hong Kong people have the feeling that the UK will not confront China, they will say: "Why bother?" he said.

But Mr Hurd's approach was praised by Brigadier Ian

Peking to prevent unrest now that martial law has been lifted. Authorities have also drawn up new regulations for foreign journalists, expected to be promulgated soon. The Peking Daily said that government permission had to be obtained for any assembly in certain areas of the city, including Tianammen Square.

ber of commerce. "We have got to come up with something (on democracy) that is in keeping with the spirit of the (Sino-British) Joint Declaration and provides a reasonable degree of democratic renresentation while being acceptable to all parties," he said.

If Mr Hurd sees the

Christie, director of the cham-

demonstration, it will probably be from a helicopter since he will be making an aerial tour of the territory. The size of the demonstration will be Mr Li Peng: On some issues when Mr Hurd speaks to the that shows whether traditional there is a 'drawing together'. General Chamber of Com-

the British Government's proposal to give British passports to 50,000 Hong Kong heads of households - covering about 225,000 people - a measure intended to engender the con-

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fidence to stay in the colony. Mr Lee said most people thought this proposal would benefit only the rich or influential.

Not everyone is dissatisfied with it. Mr Topy Halmos, campaign co-ordinator of Honour Hong Kong, another pressure group, said that, while the figure was less than Peking (Reuter) - China yeshoped for, the package would
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rules on demonstrations in • LONDON: The Govern-

ment's policy to let 225,000 high-ranking Hong Kong citi-zens settle in Britain is bitterly opposed in a pamphlet issued today by an influential Conservative pressure group (Sheila Gunn writes).

As Tory MPs continue to voice their fears about its consequences, the Bow Group paper condemns the scheme as "the worst possible solution" and says it may lead to panic among middle and lower-ranking officials and provoke mass migration to Britain by the colony's admin-

Instead, it advocates granting the right of abode to all Hong Kong residents with "dependent territory" status while imposing a strict quota of a maximum 300,000 immigrants a year.

Its criticisms look certain to stiffen opposition among Tory backbenchers due to confront Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, at a private

Japan's imperial betrothal



Fiancée to be schooled in courtly etiquette

From Joe Joseph

The romance of Miss Kiko Kawashima, a chirpy post-graduate commoner, with Japan's Prince Aya was yesterday entrusted to antique imperial courtiers charged with turning her into a textbook Japanese princess.

Prince Aya, 24 years old and second in line to the throne, sealed the engagement yes-terday by sending sake rice wine, a pair of sea bream and bolts of silk to the modest Tokyo home of his university sweetheart, the first time this formal imperial ceremony has been held in a humdrum, He flies back to his zoology books at Oxford tomorrow, but by the time he returns for

the wedding in June Miss Kawashima, the 23-year-old daughter of a university don, will be an expert on Japanese court ceremonies, royal eti-quette. Japanese history and the Constitution She will learn to write 31-

syllable waka poems, the medieval precursor of the snappier 17-syllable haiku and a form now only used by members of the imperial family for presentation to the Emperor at New Year. Miss Kawashima will also

study the imperial system and religious rites that give Japan's monarch his divinity, a belief that has quietly outlasted General MacArthur's efforts to, as he called it, "de-god" Emperor Hirohito after the Americans arrived to occupy and rule Japan at the end of the Second World War.



Miss Kawashima, dressed in pink kimono and elaborate gold sash, arriving at the Imperial Palace yesterday for the formal exchange of gifts to mark her betrothal to Prince Aya, right.

Pretoria plans more cuts to defence budget that the building of a new 250 the Navy put into mothballs. Democratic Party, said yes-said yesterday that six boys,

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

Substantial cuts in military spending in South Africa are expected to be announced soon, as part of President de Klerk's policy of demilitarizing the country.

Last month the national service of young whites was cut from two years to one year. Pretoria sources said yesterday this was only the start.

been postponed indefinitely. 40 per cent. Further cuts are expected to lead to a 25 per cent cut in the military budget, which under Mr de Klerk's predecessor, Mr P.W. Botha, increased from 4.3 billion rand in 1985-1986

The 10-year-old Marine

WORLD ROUNDUP

Flaw discovered

New York — A potentially serious flaw emerged yesterday in the case against General Manuel Noriega as the Justice Department in Washington was reported to be sending a

team to take over from Mr Dexter Lehtinen, the gun-carrying Miami chief prosecutor (Charles Bremner writes).

Experts have been questioning the legality of bringing

the former Panamanian dictator to trial in the United States.

A legal equivalent, said one, would be Iran seizing Salman

Rushdie in Britain and putting him on trial in Tehran. The

hole in the Miami case stemmed from conflicting evidence given in the separate prosecution of General Noriega involving marijuana smuggling in the Florida city of Tamps. That could give General Noriega's lawyers a significant weapon to impeach the credibility of Secior Jose

UN's Cambodia role

Peking - China and the Soviet Union agree that the United

Nations should play a substantial role in settling the 11-year-

old Cambodian conflict, a senior Soviet official said yesterday (Heidi Chay writes). Mr Igor Rogachov, the Deputy Foreign Minister, said at the end of a four-day visit to Peking: "We in general are of the same opinion with our Chester of the same opinion with our

Chinese colleagues that the UN should play a very major role in the process of a settlement." The Soviet Union earlier

supported an Australian-sponsored plan to set up a UN

trusteeship in Cambodia until free elections can be held.

China hesitated, saying it still advocated a quadripartite

Nazi-hunter 'expelled'

Paris - The French lawyer and Nazi-hunter, M Serge

Klarsfeld, who tracked down Klaus Barbie, has apparently been expelled from Syria while on the trail of the wanted war

criminal Alois Brunner (Philip Jacobson writes). According to his wife in Paris yesterday, M Klarsfeld was detained by

police as he was preparing to make a public statement accusing Syria of sheltering Brunner, a former SS comm-

ander held responsible for the death of thousands of Jews. She said repeated attempts to contact her husband at his Damascus hotel had failed, and a contact in the Syrian

capital had been told by the police that M Klarsfeld had left

the country. The lawyer went to Damascus this week to ask President Assad to extradite Brunner as a goodwill gesture.

Kabul move attacked

Karachi - Pakistan has joined the United States in

deploring the French Government's surprise move to

reopen its embassy in Kabul (Zahid Hussain writes). France,

along with other Western countries and the US, closed down

its diplomatic mission in Kabul as the withdrawal of Soviet

troops from Afghanistan was completed in February last

year. That decision was apparently taken in expectation of

the imminent fall of the Soviet-backed Government in

Kabul headed by President Najibullah. Western diplomats

say the new French decision is premature and may

strengthen Kabul's diplomatic position at a stage when it is struggling to maintain its survival. Some feel it may

encourage other Western European countries to consider

sending diplomatic representatives back to Kabul - a further setback to Mujahidin resistance in Afghanistan.

Rome - The usually divided Italian Parliament yesterday

gave almost complete support to the leaning tower of Pisa

(Janet Stobart writes). It approved a proposal to fund a

three year restoration and consolidation programme costing

100 billion lire (£50 million). An 11-man commission will be

set up to study proposals for propping up the tower, which was closed on January 7 after heated debate between the Italian Arts Ministry and Pisa city council as to whether its

Pisa wins support

collapse was imminent.

government under Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Blandón, the main government witness in Miami.

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Air Force units along the coast may also be trimmed, and another project that could be axed is the development by Armscor, the parastatal arms manufacturer, of a super bat-tle tank. The Women's Army College at George in the Cape Province may also be closed.

A South African Defence Corps is also expected to be Mr Bob Rogers, defence Force spokesman confirmed disbanded and several ships of spokesman for the opposition

commitment had been significantly reduced with the with- to two , houses in the drawal of troops from Namibia. There were heavy demands for housing, education facilities, medical care and job creation, he said. Natal deaths: Ten children

were among 13 people burnt to death in feuding between black gangs vying for control of townships in Natal province (Reuter reports). Police

million rand (£60 million) Some sources predict that terday the country's defence four girls and three women headquarters in Pretoria has naval personnel will be cut by commitment had been signifi-were killed when a mob set fire were killed when a mob set fire Cottonlands township, near Durban in Natal. Two people

> The many townships spread over the lush Natal hills have been torn by continuous fighting between members of the Zulu-based Inkatha movement and supporters of the United Democratic Front anti-apartheid coalition.

Discord in Israel

Furore over Wagner revived

Not since Zubin Mehta was cycle, The Flying Dutchman "Great-grandfather Wagner as everybody made contradic-booed off the podium in Tel and other masterpieces stems I see him." He recalled that, as tory statements, and he could a boy, he had often been provide quotations from his to conduct music by Wagner has there been such a fuss about the relationship between the German composer's music and anti-Semitism.

The controversy re-emerged vesterday when Richard Wagner's great-grandson, Gottfried, told a conference at Tel Aviv University that the composer's music could not even if some of his writings occasionally were. "I believe in the unity of German Jewish culture." Herr Wagner declared to an alternately sceptical and outraged audience.

racial views. But it mainly springs from the fact that, long after his death, Hitler used Wagner's dark and majestic Tentonic motifs as musical accompaniment to the Nazi ideology of the master race.

Wagner's music is banned from Israeli radio and may not be played in concert halls. composer's music could not "Why should we revive ter-be described as anti-Semitic, rible memories of the Holocaust?" one Israeli musician

But Herr Wagner, aged 42, who was born in Bayreuth, the home of Wagnerian opera, challenged the Israeli view in a

subject to the taunt of "Nazi

pig" because of his ancestry.

But he had been shocked to the core to discover at the age of nine that the reason was that Wagner's music had been used for Nazi propaganda purposes. He was "truly ashamed" of any anti-Semitism expressed in Wagner's could be separated from its writings, he said, but there was no case for suggesting that the spirit of anti-Semitism had

"What about Wagner's call for an end to the existence of the Jewish people?" somebody in the audience shouted. The Israeli ban on the Ring controversial lecture entitled: Herr Wagner replied that expected yet in Israel.

entered his music.

great-grandfather that proved he also believed the opposite.

Despite the prospect of Israeli ties with a democratized East Germany as well as with West Germany, many Israelis still found it difficult to accept that Wagner's music. with all its emotive power, Nazi associations. Until the recent revolution, Romania had also banned Wagner as "fascist", but since Ceausescu's overthrow Wagner's music can be played freely.

Judging by yesterday's fu-

Bush son quizzed on failed company

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

Mr Neil Bush, aged 34, the son of the President, is being land development Silverado made to Mr Kenneth Good, a prominent property developer collapse of a Colorado savings-and-loan company - the rough equivalent of a building society - which cost the Government \$1.6 billion (£965.5 million).

until 1988, spent almost five hours this week at the US Office of Thrift Supervision, where he was first questioned two weeks ago.

Although not accused of wrongdoing, he and other Silverado officials face legal action if the Government holds them responsible for the collapse and they could be sued to recover some of the losses. The Office has already banned the company's former chairman and two other officials from working in any financial institution.

An Office spokesman said the Silverado officials and directors were being ques-tioned with an eye towards disciplinary action. In that sense, you could say Mr Bush was under investigation". Mr Bush himself has refused to comment beyond insisting that "I have nothing to hide".

The Washington Post reported yesterday that a central feature of the investigation

and business associate of Mr Bush. The project did not go ahead and the loan went into default, costing Silverado millions of dollars. Instead of foreclosing on the project, the Mr Bush, a director of the company reclaimed the deeds Silverado S & L from 1985 and accepted \$5 million in settlement.

Through a combination of poor regulation, incompe-tence and malpractice, scores of savings and loan companies began failing during the latter years of the Reagan Administration, constituting what has become easily the most costly financial scandal in America.

In one of his first important acts, President Bush stepped in with a huge bail-out and reconstruction package likely to cost taxpayers more than \$160

Silverado was a fast-growing company based in Denver which failed after the Colorado property market went into decline and developers could not repay their loans.

It is understood that investigators are looking at various dubious banking practices; in addition to the Office investigation, the Justice Department is examining possible criminal activity.

Peres threatens to break up the coalition From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

Minister of Israel, threatened yesterday to pull Labour out of its coalition with the Likud party unless the deadlock over the present US-sponsored

peace process was broken. Mr Peres made the announcement after reports that the Israeli Foreign Ministry was drawing up a contingency

tion Organization. He said: "We have reached the moment of truth. I am in the Government because I think the peace process is essential to the existence of the

state of Israel." The peace process begun by Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, seeks to plan for Israel to withdraw build on the plan for elections from the process because of in the occupied territories put

Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour Washington's insistence on forward last May by Mr excluded from negotiations. Jeader and Deputy Prime including the Palestine Liberation Organization. Washington's insistence on forward last May by Mr excluded from negotiations. Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister (also Labour). Minister. Mr Baker has proposed a meeting of the Israeli, Egyptian and US foreign ministers in Washington to take the process further by establishing the first direct Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

However, senior Israeli officials complain that Mr Baker has refused to give an assurance that the PLO, and

arrived in the United States yesterday for talks with Mr Baker on the crisis. Labour's popularity has

fallen and commentators doubt it could form a coalition of its own. If Mr Peres does leave the Government, Labour might worsen the situation by condemning itself to

'Baby Doc', retired despot, enjoys the high life

From Philip Jacobson Mougins, south-east France

As Mr Jean-Claude Duvalier can happily bear witness with each new day that breaks over the French Riviera, not every tyrant of our times ends up before the firing squad or is dragged in manacles into a court of justice.

While the people of Romania and Panama rejoice at the downfall of the harsh regimes under which they endured so much, the former dictator of Haiti - Baby Doc Duvalier contemplates the twists and turns of fate from the safe haven of a splendid villa in the heights above

Although the 15 years of suffering Duvalier and his crouies inflicted on Haiti unquestionably qualifies him for the big league of despotism, he and his imperious wife, Michèle, enjoy a serenely untroubled existence in the picturesque little village of Mougins. True, his own movements are limited to the Alpes-Maritimes region, but that is scarcely the cruellest of punish-



hold an estimated £36 million.

ments. With its excellent restaurants, famous hotels and casinos, agreeable climate and fast-lane lifestyle, the Côte d'Azur is tailor-made to provide a golden bolt-hole for the well-heeled former dictator.

In the rich local stew of fugitive

financiers, retired gangsters, ageing movie stars and crooked politicians, who is really going to object to the presence of Baby Doc, always provided he can pay his way? And that he certainly can: the most common estimate of how much the Duvalier involuntary retirement fund had accumulated in a labyrinth of secret bank accounts is around \$60 million (£36 million). It will soon be four years since the

Haitians sent Baby Doc and his nearest and dearest packing into what promised, initially, to be a troubled exile. The first half-dozen countries in which he wanted to settle would not touch him with a barge pole; oddly, it was the Socialist government of France that finally allowed him "provisional" entry.

The Prime Minister of the day, M Laurent Fabius, assured the nation that there was no question of Mr Duvalier settling for good. The problem, M Fabius observed plaintively, was finding anywhere willing to take him. In the event, the Duvaliers simply stayed and stayed,

possibility of them ever being forced out of France and, despite a longrunning lawsuit, the Haitian authorities are no closer to retrieving any of the funds they claim were looted by the family. The French Government had first

billeted the Duvalier entourage (which included Papa Doc's aged widow, Maman Simone) at the highly rated Hotel de l'Abbaye in Talloires on Lake Annecy. After a month during which no other guests could be accepted, the despairing manager went to court to get shot of them before his place lost its reputation altogether.

Baby Doc's transfer to Mougins was courtesy of Mr Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi Arabian wheelerdealer. The villa he made available, La Tourillière, may be somewhat less luxurious than others in the area, but it does not lack creature comforts swimming pool, tennis court, a magnificent view and five

acres of manicured grounds. To begin with, as local voices protested about yet another unsav-oury type being dumped in the area and the new Haitian Government hinted at reprisals, the Duvalier villa was under constant surveillance by armed police. Today a single private security guard-cumdriver scowls uninvitingly at inquisitive journalists and unsolicited telephone calls to Mr Duvalier are curtly discouraged.

In the sedately wealthy surroundings of Mougins, the Duvaliers live quietly enough, occasionally patronizing the better restaurants in the Ferrari or Lamborghini that apparently came with the villa.

If some people in Mougins are still hostile to the Duvaliers, finding them unduly haughty and very tight with a franc, others - like the woman doing a little light gardening in her mink jacket - must think twice to recall the name.

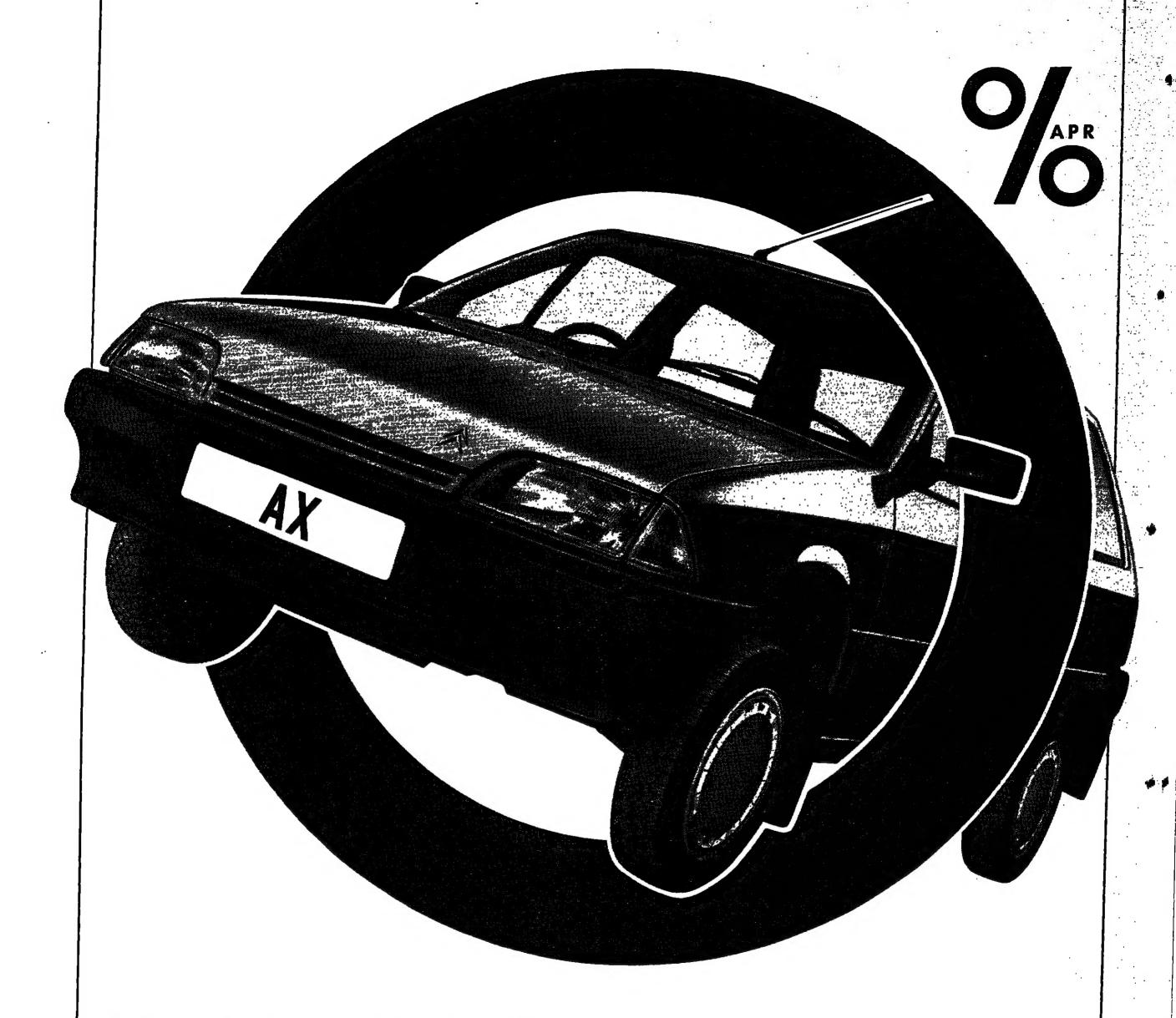
As Monsieur Jean, patron of a local bar, remembers telling journalists when the former dictator first arrived: "One more, one less, what is the difference really?"



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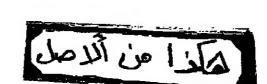
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Meat queues Thatcher and Kaifu discuss reforms boost in Bucharest enjoy spoils of uprising

"There is meat again in Bucharest," exclaimed the grinning bloodstained butcher. his soiled white smock providing visible proof that the long wait of frustrated queuers has temporarily ended, at least in the capital if not in the illsupplied provinces.

January, normally the most desperate of times for those in search of what passed for sustenance during the Ceau-sescu era, has been transformed into a longer-than-forescen extension of Christmas, when meat and fresh vegetables and fruit suddenly been to appear out of nowhere - or, more specifically, out of Romania's bulging export warehouses.

In a country where queues were rare because there was nothing to queue for, enthusiastic people were willing to

Geneva (Reuter) - Mr Joseph Voyame, a Swiss law professor appointed last March by the United Nations to investigate human rights abuses in Romania, but barred from the country by the Ceauseson regime, has written to the new Government in Buchares seeking its co-operation, a UN official said yesterday.

stand in freezing weather for hours in order to buy meat.

Only quenes for copies of newspapers reporting the latest uncovered excesses of the former dictator are nearly as long, perhaps proving that the alien concept of democracy mixed with outrage still fuels hope as efficiently as a few well-stocked stores.

Four tons of pig carcases were unloaded yesterday in the city's Anzey Square, the city's largest fresh meat outlet, and people in a queue which zigzagged several hundred yards watched in near-dis-belief and not a small amount of understandable impatience.

"Hurry up and make up your minds," shouted one man up to the front of the long queue. "I have been waiting four years for this day.

population. However, scepticism persists that the food supply will remain adequate throughout the year. There are also doubts about the ruling Council of National Salvation and the promise of free elections by this summer.

We are hoping to dig up more private stocks accu-mulated by those greedy Com-munists" said one shivering man in the queue, whom a nearby listener identified as a "Communist only recently acquainted with the practice of standing in line for food". Raiding the warehouses will

not be enough, however. Agricultural production has been crippled, while its managers routinely inflated their output figures several times over to keep pace with Ceausescu's wildly unrealistic growth plans. The country's new Agriculture Minister has already served warning that meat supplies are sufficient to feed only about two-thirds of the population this year. The inefficiency of collectivized farming must be replaced with a free market system and private farming, he said.

On Galati Street, in a once fashionable district of central Bucharest, shelves on an open-air market were bare except for a few shrivelled apples and scrawny-looking beetroots. Unpasteurized milk was by far the most abundant usable commodity available.

Picking her way around tanks parked across the street from the stalls, Mrs Ilona Menarescu described the situation as only "marginally better. We are used to seeing nothing edible here," she said explaining that suppliers used to sell everything of value on the black market which only the Communists could afford. Mrs Anka Radescu, a

mother of two queueing at the Anzey Square store, said she believes it is a temporary break in the misery - the spoils of revolution, as she put it - not the first elimmerings of a new agricultural policy.

"We wait all day because Despite the moderate finally there is something to improvement in meat and wait for. I do not expect that I dairy supplies, malnutrition is will see this much meat again still a problem for much of the in my life after this spring."



THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

In sten: Mrs Thatcher and Mr Kaifu together on the pavement outside 10 Downing Street as they greet the press yesterday. The two were in accord on the issue of returning boat people. Thatcher and Mr Kaifu agreed

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

International issues rather on the importance of bolsterthan bilateral ones dominated Mrs Margaret Thatcher's discussions at Downing Street yesterday with Mr Toshiki Caifu, the Japanese Prime Minister.

Both leaders agreed on the need to support political and economic reforms in Eastern

"We discussed how best we can help the East European countries to go from being centrally controlled communist states to a market economy," said Mrs Thatcher when she and Mr Kaifu made brief informal statements outside 10 Downing Street at the end of their meeting.

Their talks also covered relations with China, Hong Kong's future and the problem of Vietnam refugees, environmental problems and aid to the Third World.

The primary focus of the discussions on international issues reflected Japan's importance as a world political and economic power. One purpose of Mr Kaifu's European tour, which today takes him to Rome, has been to underline Tokyo's acceptance of this role. The \$1.8 billion (£1.09 bil-

lion) aid programme for Po-land and Hungary, which Mr Kaifu announced in the keynote speech of his tour in Berlin this week, is regarded in Whitehall as a handsome sum that signifies Tokyo's serious intention to underpin the new order emerging from the Cold

On relations with China the two leaders agreed, said officials, that it was best not to isolate the Peking authorities but to encourage policies of reform and openness. Mrs

ing confidence in Hong Kong's future. In response to a British request, the Japanese said they would open direct talks with the Hong Kong Government to conclude an aviation agreement similar to ones existing between Hong Kong and Switzerland, The Netherlands, Canada and Brunei.

In talks with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Taro Nakayama - his Japanese counterpart - said that having seen the situation in Hong Kong for himself he understood the reason for Britain's forced repatriation policy towards refugees from

Apparently in response to several hundred telephone calls asking the Prime Min-ister to raise the subject of Japanese whaling with Mr Kaifu, Mrs Thatcher did so as they ended an hour of talks and went to lunch. The Japanese leader said that Japan's policy on whaling was con-ducted in accordance with the rules of the International Whaling Commission, Different countries had different views on whaling, depending on their varying historical background, he said, and he hoped differences on the mat-

ter could be ironed out through rational discussion. Earlier, 150 British members of Parliament signed a petition condemning Mr Kaifu for allowing Japanese fish-

ing boats to continue hunting

They wrote: "We cannot believe that the cessation of whaling would inflict disproportionate damage either to the Japanese fishing industry or the incredibly strong

Beheading reduces Saudi drug traffic

Nicosia (Reuter) - Cases of drug trafficking in Saudi Arabia have dropped by half since the kingdom decided to be-head offenders, a Saudi Interior Ministry official said yesterday.

The kingdom reported 99 public beheadings last year, many of them for drug trafficking.

General Ibrahim al-Meiman, in charge of the ministry's campaign against drugs, said he expected the percentage to drop further as a result of the 1987 decision to execute offenders.

"The phenomenon of drug trafficking in the kingdom has been cut nearly 50 per cent...due to the imposition of the death penalty against traf-fickers," the Saudi Press Agency quoted him as saying. Tanker hope

Madrid - The pumping of over 200,000 tons of crude from the hold of the disabled Iranian tanker Kharg 5 off Morocco's north-west coast will begin on Tuesday if all goes well, a spokesman for the the Spanish Merchant Marine said here yesterday.

Smog ban Milan (Reuter) - Milan has banned lorries from the city for four days starting today because it has been blanketed

Rebels blamed Managua (Reuter) - An of-

ficial investigation has concluded that US-backed Contra rebels were responsible for a New Year's Day ambush which killed two nuns, one an American, the Nicaraguan Government said.

Pray for rain

Cagliari (Reuter) — Roman Catholics on the Mediterra-nean island of Sardinia were asked by their Archbishop yesterday to pray for rain after three years of drought.

Author dies

Cairo (Reuter) - Ihsan Abdel-Quddous, a leading Egyptian novelist and journalist jailed under the country's last mon-arch, King Farouk, and Presi-dent Nasser, its revolutionary leader, has died aged 70.

Last trip

Wellington (Reuter) - Mr Albin Birch left London on the trip of a lifetime to find a New Zealand cousin, Bennet Birch. a recluse w not seen for 30 years - but discovered him dead when he arrived at his home in the remote settlement of Takehe.

EC may fund opposition in Eastern bloc From Peter Guilford up by the European Parliament. from the Eastern bloc, notably the ern banks and other creditors of the

Euro-MPs from the conservative and Christian Democratic parties are pushing for the European Parliament to finance opposition groups in Eastern Europe when they fight elections promised in the spring.

The urgent call for a European Democracy Fund is in direct response to fears that Eastern European governments still influenced by the old guard may win elections by starving their opponents of money, campaign facilities and access to the media.

The European Democrats and the European People's Party tabled the emergency resolution in Berlin this week and are confident it will be voted through by the full Parliament in Strasbourg on Thursday. An estimated £15 million would be carved

according to the draft resolution. It would then be shared out among Eastern European parties whose political persuasions matched those of the Strasbourg groupings.

This is expected to win the support of the Euro-Socialists, whose near majority in the Strasbourg parliament would give them the right to spend the lion's share of the fund on likeminded parties in Eastern countries.

However, informed sources say the proponents will try to quash any attempt by the European far right to fund extreme right-wing groups in East Germany. M Jean-Marie Le Pen, Front, and Herr Franz Schönhuber of the German Republicans, would vigorously attack such a move.

The proposed fund will draw fire

East German Government, which has tightened its grip on the media and is threatening to bar campaign funds from abroad. In an attempt to parry criticism of political interference, a spokesman said the money would pay for office materials and publicity

The exact size of the fund has yet to be settled. Mr Edward McMillan-Scott, Conservative MEP for York, claims £15 million of EC money could be drawn from the EC's budget for 1990 with the backing of national governments and the EC.

without influencing party policies.

"Billions of ECUs are being poured into lastem lutopean countres, out not a penny is going towards helping democracy become established," he told the German press in Berlin. • PARIS: Representatives of West-

Polish Government met here yesterday to seek a common position on the country's \$40 billion (£24 billion) debt, officials said (Reuter reports). Poland was not taking part. How-

ever, the meeting is expected to set a date for full-scale negotiations with the creditors by the end of this month to reschedule the debt.

The meeting was chaired by M Jean-Claude Trichet, head of the Paris Club, which groups government creditors - the first formal meeting between commercial bank representatives and the Paris Club.

Poland's bank creditors met Polish government representatives in Vienna this week and were expected to report on the outcome of those talks at the Paris meeting. Poland owes £9 billion to Western banks.

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MPs united in attack on Government policy for clothing and textiles trade

MPs on both sides united in severe criticism of the Government's approach to the future of the British textile industry in the hight of the forthcoming ending of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA), the international agreement regulating the trade.

Mr John Redwood, Under Secretary of State for Corporate Affairs, who opened the debate, found himself without a friend during the five hours of discussion. He was told that ministers would ignore the views of MPs on this at their peril.

Tork to marry a Technique of the marry and There was stern advice that the industry was at risk and that any arrangement that was devised to replace the MFA must be at least as strong in protecting British jobs. Mr Archie Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, Lib Dem) said that the industry was bleeding to a slow and lingering death.

Mr Redwood began by saying that the textile industry employed 480,000 people - 2 per cent of total employment. Exports totalled £3.6 billion in 1988 and further improvements were expected in 1989.

Some MPs believed that the MFA was the only protection against job losses in the in-dustry. But since 1974 employment had halved. There was no evidence that the MFA had successfully protected employ-

Mr Keith Vaz (Leicester East, Lab) said that one job had been lost every hour in the past 10 years because of high interest rates and the failure of the Government to support the industry in the same way as other countries had.

Mr Redwood said that in the past five years the Government had given £300 million in regional support and aid.

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1500 of the hazar 12 Mr David Tredinnick (Bos-worth, C) said that job losses in the industry would have been greater if the MFA had not been

Mr Redwood said that negotiations about the MFA were going on in the European Community. The debate today was about the actions of nego-tiators on behalf of all 12 EC countries. He would fight like a learning Reisigh industry against tiger for British industry against unfairly subsidized imports.

The current round of the Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) was trying to include the MFA. The less-developed countries were seeking improve-ments for themselves in the MFA and the EC was seeking Control of Section 10 section 10

The Multi-Fibre Arrangement, which came into effect in 1974, is an agreement under which the industrialized countries negotiate import quotas with developing countries to prevent them flooding the market with cheap clothing and textiles.

clothing and textiles.

It is at present outside the scope of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, whose function is to foster freer trade, but the Gatt would tike to see the MFA brought back into line with its rules. The current MFA (IV) expires on July 31 1991.

better protection against unfair trade, equitable access to raw materials and the opening up of other markets.

The Government would like to hear the comments of MPs on specific points. How should the phasing out of the MFA be conducted? What arrangements would be necessary during this phasing out? How long should the transition period be? How far should the EC go in demanding more open markets?

The Government had commissioned the Silberston report, which suggested that as a result of the abolition of the MFA the price of textiles might fall by 5 per cent with a total gain to consumers of £980 million at 1000 million at 1000 million. 1980 prices or more than £1 hillion today. It concluded that there would be a net gain to the economy from a phased withdrawal from the MFA.

Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (Batley and Spen, C) said that a family would not benefit from reduced out-goings if their head of household had already lost

Mr Redwood said that job opportunities depended on competitiveness in the widest sense. Market access was much more important. There would be offsetting job gains in the economy from increased purchasing power.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that Silberston had suggested that 33,000 textile jobs might be lost. Many MPs believed that he had exaggerated the gains for consumers and underestimated the number of Mr Redwood said that the

estimate for lost jobs was be-tween 16,000 and 33,000 with no estimate of offsetting job A variety of consumer organizations favoured the abo-lition of the MFA but the

transitional arrangements must

Mr Doughs Headerson, an jobs?
Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that in the year to September 1989, 22,000 of white textile jobs had been lost.

The economic situation, particularly high interest rates and the until recently over-valued pound, had damaged the industry still further. Today, the problem was rapid fluctuations in the exchange rate. Between 1973, the year before the MFA was established, and 1987, Italy and Germany had increased their trade balances in textiles while Britain's trade balance, even with the protection of the MFA, had dropped from £75 million to a deficit of £1.614 million.

£1.614 million. A case to end the MFA had not been made. Without some regulation of trade the inevitable consequences would be beggar-thy-neighbour protectionism and trade disruption.

The starting point was the British industry's dismal performance in competing for exports and countering the flood of imports. It had failed to restruc-ture while other EC countries had made more of the opportu-

nity to do so. It was British industry which needed extra support and protection and which would suffer if quotas were too large. Action against dumping was needed, 100.

Everyone wanted to support an aid programme to develop the economies of East European countries. Was the minister ready to make sure that the



Mr Redwood: Fighting like a tiger for British industry.

be clear after satisfactory nego-tiations. That was the purpose of the debate. industry did not bear the whole burden and that workers in the East Midlands did not lose their

Sir John Farr (Harborough, C) said that he was "scared stiff" of what the Government might do about the MFA. Without successive agreements over the years, the textile and knitwear and hosiery industries would have ceased to exist in Britain. They would have been priced out of existence by dirt-cheap competition from the Far East.

If the MFA were to be ditched, he wanted an undertaking that any replacement of the agreement's rules by some restructuring of Gatt would be at least as strong as what existed

clessield, C) said that he was not sure that Mr Redwood under-stood the immense importance of the MFA to the industry. It should be renewed in July 1991. Some criticized the MFA as a restraint on trade, but it had moved us towards what every-one wanted - free and fair trade

Ministers would ignore the iews of MPs on both sides at their peril. Gatt rules on trade would have to be strengthened for at least 10 years before it would be possible to consider phasing out the MFA. "Any earlier move would be imprudent, precipitate and, in my view, downright irresponsible."

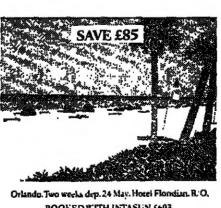
Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) expressed concern at Mr Redwood's lukewarm approach to the MFA. Without it, more jobs would have been lost. The Government must take the lead in the EC in cosuring that the MFA continued and was improved in the current Gatt

Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) said that anti-dumping control must be tightened, subsidies eliminated and all markets opened up. Above all, the Government must fight hard for the industry here. Mr Vaz said that if the MFA were abolished Leicester would

be devastated. The MFA should be not only renewed but

Mr Kenneth Hargreaves (Hyndburn, C) said that MPs were not asking for protec-nionism, but for fair trading practice. The MFA rules were not satisfactory at present and any erosion of them would be

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From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

Germany's Prime Minister, yesterday moved to save his crumbling coalition by unexpectedly scrapping plans for a new security service.

His climb-down, one day after insisting that such a sible, Herr Modrow said. service was essential, came of the opposition and threatened to leave Government if the plan went ahead.

The move followed days of intense criticism of the idea shocked at the venom poured and culminated in a threat by three of the four minor parties which support the ruling communists to leave the coalition.

All the parties yesterday distanced themselves from the Socialist Unity (communist) forms, according to an opi

Herr Hans Dietrich Raspe, of those polled thought East the deputy leader of the Germans would have to hold Democratic Party, told the Volkskammer (par- the con "We see how the Socialist Unity Party is still trying to satisfy its hunger for on the plan over the last week power. We will withdraw our first by the opposition who mandate immediately if the threatened to withdraw from proposals for an Office for the talks with the Government, Protection of the Constitution and yesterday from the usu-

In an unscheduled speech to the 500 parliamentary delegates, Herr Modrow said that no new security services would be formed before May 6, ruling out the establishment of the proposed Office for the Protection of the Constitution, as well as essential intelligence agencies.

foreign investment and saying

Parliament voted over-

East German businesses of all

Economics Minister, told Par-

liament the Government

would issue a decree regulat-

ing joint ventures in two

weeks. This would be a tem-

porary measure pending full legislation to be introduced

after free elections later in the

exceptions to its planned 49

per cent ceiling on foreign

Earlier Frau Uta Nickel, the

Frau Christa Luft, the citizens.

bines to tiny private firms.

spying on citizens, but said: "We have taken steps to make sure this does not happen again." The existing Office of alition would last until the National Security would be elections in the current clidissolved as quickly as pos-

The pledges signify a major after his coalition partners retreat by the Prime Minister added their protests to those after his speech on Thursday when he insisted that a new security service was necessary to tackle the rise of neo-Nazism. He was evidently

Germans do not believe that Herr Hans Modrow, the East serious about introducing re-Party, which they complained was trying to reassert its former dominant role.

Herr Hans Dietrich Raspe, of those polled thought East

moves towards democracy.

ally biddable coalition

He was also known to be under pressure from inside the communist party, where sources say that Herr Gregor Gysi. the popular leader, made clear his misgivings on security policy to Herr Modrow on

Thursday, sure on Herr Modrow by

East Germany opens gates

for foreign investment

East Berlin (Reuter) - East shareholdings, a limit which are problematic," he said,

Germany opened the flood- has been criticized in West "but 49 per cent participation

Frau Luft said on West

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Frau Nickel told reporters

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Finance Minister, said the invest in East Germany but ny's Volkswagen company al-Government would consider would not be satisfied with a ready had a 50-50 deal with

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Herr Waigel said West Ger-

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firms to hold majority stakes tions were likely to include

allow foreign participation in capital to bolster industries

sizes, from huge state com- factories and a dramatic west-

in joint venture companies. small and medium firms.

terday by lifting a ban on to attract investment.

Herr Hans Modrow. East former Stasi workers were still giving an interview to a West Germany's Prime Minister, spying on citizens, but said: German newspaper on Thursday saying that he was not sure

> There are widespread fears in the party that Herr Modrow, formerly regarded as a "people's man", is losing touch with the popular mood as he devotes more of his time to international affairs.

His economic policy was also criticized by the minor parties in the Volkskammer yesterday, who complained that economic reforms were not taking place fast enough.

Herr Modrow said special units of the police would carry on security work to combat right-wing extremism and terrorism until a new security policy is established by a consensus after the May elections.

He renewed his calls on the opposition to support the Government until then to restore stability.

Earlier, a protest by East Berlin's taxi drivers forced traffic around the Parliamentary building to a standstill. Nearly 300 Trabant taxis lined up, tooting their horns as their drivers pro-tested that ex-Stasi workers were illegally driving taxis while still receiving controversial redundancy payments from the Government.

The drivers also demanded the establishment of free trade unions in the country and style of the communist party.

will definitely not be enough

to maintain the atmosphere

that prevails in the markets at

the moment and to allow

capital to flow in the right

Western economic experts

initially tried to keep majority

stakes in joint ventures but

had abandoned this rather

than frighten away Western

for some time that if a joint

venture is of particular in-

terest, then the 49 per cent rule will be relaxed," said one

Western diplomat, adding:

"The word in West Germany

is - don't wait for the law to

be passed, get into the market

East Germany's IFA auto-

"Our impression has been

direction."

investors.

Navy veterans in a submarine graveyard



Laid to rest: Eight Soviet submarines await their final fate — to be sold for scrap — on a barge in Rotterdam's petroleum harbour. All sensitive instruments and equipment were removed from the 30-year-old submarines by the Soviet Navy before they were shipped to a scrap metal dealer in The Netherlands.

Secession in the Soviet Union

Central power threatened by disarray

By Geoffrey Hosking

President Gorbachov's announcement that a law is being drafted to allow individual republics to secede from the Soviet Union makes it clear that the waves he set in motion in Eastern Europe are flowing back and threaten to engulf him and his party.

Elections to the local and republican soviets, which have already started in some areas and continue until March, seem likely to ag-gravate the disarray of the Soviet Union. The secessionist People's Fronts are bound to do well in most if not all the non-Russian republics.

The two political forces which stand to lose most are the party-state apparatus and the Russians. In the early stages of *perestroika* they did not see eye to eye, as Russian patriots held the largely Stalinist apparatus responsible for the disasters which have overtaken their nation under Com-

Nevertheless, there are logical reasons why Russians should side with the partystate apparatus in trying to prevent the dissolution of the Soviet Linion.

The Russians are traditionally the "imperial" people; their administrative and military cadres, their language and culture, unite and hold together this disparate empire.

With their ethnic cousins, the Ukrainians and Belorussians, there are many of them in all the republics. Inside a post-Soviet conglomeration of states, the Russians would constitute a large and discontented set of minorities, deprived of the standing that support from the metropolis

brings them now. Not all Russians fear this eventuality, but many may be antee of political and social changing their minds as the stability in the country, has in disorder worsens.

Last year, reacting to the creation of non-Russian Popular Fronts, Russians set up their own informal organizations. In the non-Russian republics they established "International Fronts" to combat indigenous separatism and fight for the integrity of the Soviet Union.

Inside Russia itself, they have been more divided: a Russian Popular Front exists which is prepared to envisage the dissolution of the Soviet Union into national components. But many Russian organizations stand for maintenance of the traditional empire which existed in roughly the same form as it does now. These "Russian Unionists" have now joined in an electoral bloc to prepare

for the soviet elections, At the end of last month they issued a manifesto which quotes, with only one word

by Pyotr Stolypin in 1907 to stratum in the Russian separatists and revolutionaries: "What we need is not great upheavals, but a great Soviet Russia!"

ger!" they warn. "The deepening political crisis has placed in doubt the existence of a thousand-year old state ...The Soviet Communist Party, which is still the guarstability in the country, has in

Arms forum Tokyo (AFP) - The Soviet Union is seeking to set up a forum on disarmament in the Asia-Pacific region, Soviet diplomatic sources said here yesterday. In Asia, unlike in

organizations or forums to provide a discussion mechanism to talk about disarmament, the sources, who asked not to be identified, said.

compromise and appeasement. It is steadily yielding ground to a bloc of separatists and 'left-wing radicals' who are ready to break up the Soviet Union and hawk our national riches to their Western 'partners'."

This allusion to economics indicates that the Russian Unionists are trying to get on the wavelength of the indus- Sciences, capital cities, and

by the shortages, the inflation and the rise in economic crime which have accompanied perestroika.

"The Fatherland is in Dan-Hitherto their jobs and living standards have to some extent been protected by the planned economy which the apparatchiks run. The strikes of the summer and autumn showed how much the workers resent the privileges of those apparatchiks, but at the effect adopted a stance of same time they do not want to

lose their protection altogether. The manifesto recommends a return to the traditions of the artel, the Russian working man's cooperative of the nine-

the Soviet Union will be a pressure from his colleagues in much looser federation than at the Central Committee to present. That at least means, in the authors' eyes, that Russians will no longer be subsidizing the other republics, to the detriment of their own well-being.

It also means that the Russian Republic should receive its own national institutions. Hitherto, while the Latvians, Georgians and Uzbeks have had their own radio and television, Academy of changed, the challenge issued trial workers (the largest single Communist Parties, the Rus-Heinemann.

lents. If the Russians are no longer to have an empire, they want to make sure they are at least a nation in the full sense of the word.

Is it possible that Mr Gorbachov might be attracted by this programme? It makes no mention of human rights, the rule of law or phiralism. It opposed to weakening Soviet defences or opening the media to Western influences. In these respects the Russian Unionists are going in the opposite direction from Mr Gorbachov.

On the other hand, he too is a Russian and an apparatchik: he opposes secession and the teenth century, to which each surrender of the party's pol-member pooled his capital or itical monopoly, even he labour and from which he reluctantly concedes that they received a share of the profits. are inevitable in the long run. The manifesto accepts that Besides, he is under great

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show a firmer hand, If things continue to go badly he might be prepared to appeal for the Russian working-class vote on this kind of basis. If he does not, it is quite clear that his opponents in the Central Committee will.

 The author is professor of Russian history at the School of Slavonic & East European Studies, London University. His The Awakening of the Soviet Union is published by

How name-calling provoked a nationalist backlash in Bulgaria

From Michael Hornsby Kurdzhali, Bolgaria

January 7, 1985, is etched in the memory of Mr Suleyman Mumunov, a young Turkish-speaking watchmaker in this south-eastern Buglarian town. Sitting nervously at a table in a shabby cafe, he recalled in a low voice the events of that day five years ago. "Two armed policemen and one plain-

clothes man came to the flat where I live with my family and my sister's family, he said. "One of the policemen said:
Your name will not be Suleyman anymore. From now on you will have a Bulgarian name.' The police ordered us to hand over our identity cards and went away."

A week later the families' identity cards were returned filled out with the new names. From these the young watchmaker learned that he was now to be known as Mr Boyan Martinov. "I did not like it, but I was afraid to resist. You cannot fight red-bot iron with bare hands," he said.

Many Turks in the villages in the Kurdzhali area were, however, prepared to resist, red-hot iron or not. To no avail. Uprisings were crushed by troops in armoured personnel-carriers; the number of people killed and wounded has

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man firms were clamouring to now." He said West Germa-

"All forms of participation mobile concern.

The imposition of Slavic names was part of a harsh campaign launched in 1984 by Mr Todor Zhivkov, Bulgaria's former ruler, to assimilate the country's ethnic Turkish minority by force.

Mosques were closed, the Turkish language was banned in public places, and Islamic customs, among them ritual circumcision, were prohibited. Even the inscriptions on tombstones

• A policemen said: 'Your name will not be Suleyman any more.' I did not like it, but I was afraid to resist

in Turkish cemeteries were to be in Bulgarian.

"I was fined many times for speaking Turkish with friends in public," Mr Mumunov said. "I was not even supposed to talk in Turkish with Turkish-speaking customers in the store where I work."

It was in the shop that we first met Mr Mumunov. The manager, a formidable

anorak, came up at once and broke into our conversation, insisting that all Turks had voluntarily accepted new names.

"If you want to go back to your Turkish name," she told Mr Mumanov, you will have to find another job."

Women shoppers quickly gathered round and began berating the increasingly nervous Turk. "What is so dreadful?" one of them shouted. "In America everyone has to have American names." Told this was not true, she seemed genuinely astonished and shocked.

Later, over a cup of coffee in the cafe. Semra Yunozova, an unemployed Turkish primary school teacher, said that circumcised children were often not admitted to schools or even to hospitals unless their parents could produce evidence that they had been circumcised before 1984.

Mounting tensions exploded last spring in bloody clashes between ethnic Turks and Bulgarian security forces, and about 310,000 Bulgarian Turks poured across the border into Turkey during a three-month period, an exodus ended only because Turkey closed the border in late August. Since then about 90,000 Turkish refugees have returned after

being unable to find work in Turkey. Exactly how many Bulgarians of uncertain. Out of a total, predominantly Christian, population of nearly nine million, some 1.5 million are estimated

to be Muslims. That total includes several hundred thousand Muslims known as Pomaks, ethnic Bulgarians forced to drop their Turkish names as long ago as the early 1970s. But it is the much larger and faster-growing Turkish minority that is seen as the threat to Bulgarian identity.

After the removal of Mr Zhivkov last November 10, the new reformist Communist Party leadership of Mr Petur Mladenov made a top priority of the reversal of the previous policy. On December 29, the leadership

issued a statement promising an end to the name-changing campaign and the restoration of full cultural and religious ights to the Muslim minority.

It was this announcement which provoked a Bulgarian nationalist backlash. Demonstrations began in Kurdzhali, which lies not 40 miles north of the Turkish border and has a population of 60,000 which is threefifths Turkish speaking. The unrest then spread to Sofia and other cities, continuing every day for a week.

There has been a lull in the demonstrations this week during government-

but the atmosphere remains tense. Ethnic Bulgarians here say they will take to the streets again unless the December 29 decision is rescinded.

Anti-Turkish feeling has deep roots in Bulgarian folk memories of the "Turkish yolk", the 500 years of Turkish occupation which ended in 1878 in most areas, but continued in the south-eastern region along the border until 1913. Mr Kaloyan Kaloyanov, a Bulgarian

Our efforts to teach them Bulgarian are wasted because they go home and speak Turkish 9

of Greek origin who runs a shop selling cheap toiletries in Kurdzhali, said he had taken part in the demonstrations daily. "I don't mind so much what names they have, but if you make concessions

the Turks will make more demands. We are afraid the Turkish Army will come over the border and try and take this part of the country back again." he said. He said his own grandparents had

troops in Greece at the start of the century. Also, he said, the Turks were very fanatical and tight-knit. What if his daughter should want to marry a Turk? "She could marry an Englishman, a Belgian, a Canadian - anybody, but, please God, not a Turk." Some observers here see the ethnic

issue as reflecting a power struggle between the provincial Communist Party apparatus, which is still largely unchanged from the Zhivkov period, and the new, more reform-minded leadership in Sofia. "The nationalists have struck a double

blow," said Roumen Danov, a magazine editor and a member of the Union of Democratic Forces, the main noncommunist opposition group to have emerged since the fall of Mr Zhivkov.

They have unsettled the new leadership and tarnished the name of the democratic forces by suggesting that their support for Turkish rights calls in question their loyalty to Bulgaria."

He said the new leadership had been well intentioned but shown insensitivity in the way it had made the December 29 announcement. "It was handed down as a decree without any consultation in just the same way as the original announcement taking away Turkish rights."

Athens welcomes exodus of Greek refugees from Russia Athens for an "unwarranted Siberia But, though churches 100,000 by 1993. The exodus rooted during his 70 years, tory of Abkhazia in Georgia and schools were shut down, caught the Greeks unsaid: "This is the end of the complain they were being the complain the complain they were being the complain the complain the complain they were being the complain the complain the complain the complain the complain the complaint the complaint

From Mario Modiano

An influx of Greek refugees from the Soviet Union, which has taken the Greek Government by surprise, is being seen as an opportunity to offset problems posed by the concentration of a sizeable Muslim minority near the border with Turkey.

Plans are afoot to resettle thousands of Pontians -Greeks who lived for centuries along the shores of the Black Sea - in Thrace, where a 120,000-strong, Turkish-speaking minority lives. Turkey has protested that this

The Pontians, who take their name from Euxinos Pontos (Hospitable Sea), the ancient Greek name for the Black Sea, are fleeing from a long history of persecution and exile that began some 70 years ago in the wake of Turkey's wars with the Rus-

sians and the Greeks. Many Pontians came to Greece under the compulsory population exchange that sealed the unsuccessful Greek campaign in Asia Minor in 1922. Others fled to Russia. In the 1940s, however, Sta-

their ethnic traditions and their language, a dialect akin to Ancient Greek.

Since the end of the Second drifted into Greece in small numbers. Some 25,000 of an estimated 550,000 Pontians in the Soviet Union have since settled here. As perestroika eases travel

restrictions, they are comine in increasing numbers. Within the last 18 months, some 5.000 have turned up. The Greek consular authorities in Moscow estimate that 20,000 key has protested that this In the 1940s, nowever, 512- Missess and 1990 and probably another Tashkent, three times up- from the autonomous terriwould after the demography of lin deported thousands of will emigrate to Greece in Mr Yiannis Tsilikidis, from ethnic strife. Many who came infra-structure programments the region, but was rebuffed by Greeks to Central Asia and 1990 and probably another Tashkent, three times up- from the autonomous terrirelocate the refugees.

have been arriving by ship or train, bringing with them bulky appliances, such as television sets, because they are World War, Pontians have not allowed to export more than 90 roubles (£72) in hard

> currency. They huddle together in damp, often squalid basement flats or shantytown shacks provided by fellow-Pontians in the suburbs of Athens and turn up at flea-markets every Sunday to sell their belong-ings. The Greek authorities are now granting each family a lump sum to get them started.

journey. We have nowhere treated as third-class citizens else to go." His family of and denied equal opportu-

Expatriate Greeks has rented hotels in the suburbs to house gional autonomy. the families, while the Greek Employment Service pays employers who hire Pontians a daily subsidy of £8 for one year. But most of the newcomers speak no modern and language training and are Greekand the locals are resentful that they are given priority in jobs at a time of

severe unemployment Many Greek refugees leave the Soviet Union because of

seven lives in a one-room flat. nities. They spoke of a move-The Secretariat-General for ment among the Greek populations to press for re-

The authorities are now hastily organizing reception centres in northern Greece. They have set in motion seeking negotiations with Moscow to secure the transfer

of pension rights. Greece hopes to obtain funds from the European Mr Yiannis Tsilikidis, from ethnic strife. Many who came infra-structure programme to Community for a consistent

Politics was once described the art of the possible. For his possible, For his plansible. But government negotiation is clearly the and the plausible. But government the art of the practical and that reason the strike were should be replaced with a children arbitration. David Davis, Conservant sp for Boothiers, is author of he Pendulum (Can for Policy Studies).

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GORBACHOV'S GAMBLE

In Vilnius, President Gorbachov is so far playing a difficult hand with considerable skill. The Central Committee delegation which travelled to Lithuania ahead of him to take the temperature clearly advised him, as he doubtless already knew, that the new-found popularity of the Lithuanian Communist Party stemmed entirely from its decision to break away from the CPSU; and that the rump of the party remaining loyal to Moscow commanded little or no support. The question of party unity was closed. So, in principle, was the question of Lithuania's eventual independence from the Soviet Union - since the Lithuanian party is committed to seeking it.

Before leaving Moscow, therefore, Mr Gorbachov evidently set in train, in the relevant committee of the Supreme Soviet, the drafting of legislation to regulate the modalities of secession. Announcing this in Vilnius, he apparently hopes to transform a situation of confrontation into one of negotiation; and to concentrate Lithuanian minds on the full implications of the course on which they have embarked.

With the victory of principle won, the Lithuanians will have to recognize the difficulties of simply getting up and walking out of the Union. There is a whole skein of laws and contracts to be unravelled first, affecting every dimension of Lithuanian life and reflecting over 40 years of involuntary incorporation into the Soviet state and economy.

Mr Gorbachov will aim to play this process long. The draft law on republican secession will have to be prepared, published, debated and perhaps - passed into law by the Supreme Soviet. Negotiations would then begin between the Lithuanians and the central Union authorities on this basis. They would be complex. The Union authorities would hold strong cards, deriving from Lithuania's present dependence on the Union for the energy and raw materials without which its economy would grind to a halt.

If the end result were seen to be secession, the Union would no longer have its current and considerable interest in the maintenance of Lithuania's exporting capacity. A bargain scould be struck for a more or less amicable separation, but it would be a tough one. Mr Gorbachov is doing his best to bring this harsh reality home to the Lithuanians. He has told them, in no uncertain terms, to look before they leap; and to think hard about survival in world markets without Soviet subsidies.

Mr Gorbachov's gamble is twofold. The first is that the inevitably drawn-out process of a legal and orderly divorce will be a sufficiently attractive scenario to ensure the success of the Lithuanian communists in next month's elections to the Soviets. The Sajudis nationalist movement is already questioning Mr Gorbachov's sincerity and could carry the elections on a "don't trust Moscow - secession now!"

This might result in civil disorders of sufficient gravity to raise the issue of forcible intervention which Mr Gorbachov is doing his utmost to avoid - but which might then be the condition of his own political survival. His second gamble is that whatever deal he is able to strike with the Lithuanian communists -"secede if you must but not yet" - will be sufficient to enable him to weather his Central Committee's plenum at the end of this month. The prospect of the Lithuanian coast in non-Soviet hands, of civil disorders, or both, will ring alarm bells among the military and the

The question is no longer whether Lithuania will secede but when and how. Must this inevitably lead to the progressive disintegration of the Soviet Union and its reduction to a "fortress Russia?" Not necessarily, Estonia and Latvia, with their significantly larger Russian minorities, would find secession a tougher proposition in terms of their own internal politics. The spectacle of Lithuania in deep economic crisis, beyond alleviation by Western aid, would be a powerful disincentive. Baltic solidarity notwithstanding. Every other non-Russian republic would face even more acute and complex problems than Lithuania in going it alone.

Having accepted the inevitability of constitutional change, Mr Gorbachov's task is now to manage it. If his double gamble in Vilnius succeeds, he may be able to preside over the orderly transformation of the Soviet Union into a Soviet Federation. If it does not, his own future and that of perestroika are bleak.

SAVING THE YANOMANI

The Brazilian's Government's abrupt decision to allow 45,000 illegal gold prospectors to stay in the north-west Amazon region of Roraima overturns a court order, violates the Brazilian constitution and threatens an endangered people with genocide. For more than 10,000 years, the Yanomani Indians have inhabited the remote uplands straddling the borders of Brazil and Venezuela. A Stone Age culture of semi-nomadic hunter-gatherers who also practice subsistence apriculture. they lived in perfect harmony with the rain forest.

The Brazilian constitution bans commercial activity in Indian reserves without the approval of both Congress and the tribes concerned. The havoc wrought on the Yanomani's culture and environment since 1985, when their lands were first illegally invaded by freelance gold prospectors, speaks for the wisdom of that provision. With the connivance of the military (which favours opening up the "last frontier") it has been repeatedly violated by corrupt local officials. It has also been violated by the Brazilian Government itself, which last year reduced Yanomani land by 70 per cent - a decree since declared unconstitutional by the federal court.

The Brazilian gold rush threatens the Yanomani with extinction. Their numbers have dwindled to between 5,000 and 9,000. No precise estimates are available of how many have died from diseases brought by the garimpeiros - tuberculosis, venereal disease and river blindness - and to which the Yanomani have no resistance. The Government was however, forced last month by irrefutable evidence of a malaria epidemic to allocate £1 million for emergency medical assistance.

The miners attack riverbeds and banks with high-pressure jets, causing them to silt up. The oil and mercury they use in panning have killed off the fish, and the burnt-off mercury

has penetrated the food chain in such strong concentrations that the Vanomani themselves have died from mercury poisoning. Game, disturbed by the mining and the light aircraft the miners use, has fled the hunting grounds.

There are well-documented instances of rape and mass killings of Yanomani villagers, including cases of children being shot out of the trees for amusement. A report by the Justice Ministry last year called for the expulsion of the miners and the dismantling of their illegal airstrips and warehouses. Last October, a federal judge ordered the Government to expel the miners from the entire Yanomani region.

Brazilian pressure groups threatened to charge the Government with genocide before the International Court of Justice. Last month - possibly too late, in the view of anthropologists, to save the Yanomani - President Sarney finally ordered an operation costing £2.3 million to evict the miners from Roraima, and to destroy their aircraft and landing strips.

It was to start last Sunday; but after pressure from the military and violent demonstrations the Justice Minister met the miners' representatives (though not the Yanomani), and announced a "peaceful solution". It legalizes the miners' presence in three large areas of Yanomani territory, in return for undertakings to respect areas reserved for the Indians, to give up their weapons and to build schools and clinics.

This week's decision puts in question not only the survival of the Yanomani, but Brazil's commitment to the conservation of the Amazonian wilderness. In 1992, the Brazilian Government will play host to a United Nations conference on environment and development. It could make no better start to preparations than by finding the political courage now to save the Yanomani.

DRIVING A BARGAIN

The complaint of the European Consumers' Union that motorists in Britain are being overcharged for new cars compared with other parts of the European Community illustrates just how far apart the theory and practice of a common market in goods and services can be. The difference in price charged for the same model in Britain and elsewhere is apparently still widening. Average prices before tax are said to be 31 per cent higher in Britain than in

There are complex reasons why the British customer has been prepared to tolerate such exorbitant prices, and a major influence must be that over half of all new cars in Britain are company cars. This has blunted the edge of consumer awareness. The reason why free market forces have not been able to correct such an obvious anomaly is simpler - there is no Europe-wide free market in new cars. Manufacturers, distributors and dealers have found various ways of protecting the vested interests they have in things staying as they are.

There is no evidence of an explicit cartel, but there are all sorts of unwritten understandings, amounting to a common approach, which is producing something not so different in its effect. The British car market offers favourable profit margins both to foreign and British manufacturers, and it is in almost no one's interests - except of course the consumer's to kill the goose that is so reliably laying such

It is simple market theory that if the shop next door is offering the same goods at a lower price, it will attract the custom and force its competitors to respond. But so far none of the

distortion in the car market. The initiative to take advantage of lower prices on the Continent has largely been left to individuals, though there are firms which specialize in helping them to do so. It is not that difficult to go to a dealer abroad, buy a car at local prices, and drive it back to Britain. The practice is known as "parallel importing."

The crux of the complaint made by the European Consumers' Union is that a wide range of obstacles to parallel importing is applied at both ends. It is claimed, for instance, that some British dealers, allegedly at the bidding of the manufacturers, will not honour the warranties given with a new car when it is bought in this way; that foreign dealers are pressured by manufacturers not to sell righthand drive cars to non-residents; that there are lengthy delays in delivery, and that exceptional delivery charges are levied. It is also claimed that the British authorities, wittingly or not, make the process of registering a vehicle bought abroad long and difficult.

The European Commission has tried to make such restraints on competition illegal, and the the European Court of Justice has attempted to enforce the rules, but so far to little effect. They will not have discharged their duties in this matter until the market has been freed, and parallel importing has become a significant influence on the British car market.

Parallel importing is itself an anomaly, produced by the absence of fair competition. The EC's policy is to impose an upper limit of 12 per cent on the permitted price differential across Europe. Proposals to make that effective will be received with interest in Britain; and they would quickly raise the public perception of the benefits of community membership.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poll tax burden on businesses

From the Director of Aims of Industry

Sir, Under legislation introducing the community charge, employers will be responsible for collecting arrears of defaulters, as a result of deduction of earnings orders made by local authorities. This raises an important issue of principle - that of making the employer respon-sible for decisions which should be taken by the individual.

Collection of national insurance contributions, pay-as-you-carn, and deductions of earnings for maintenance already force the employer to act for the individual employee - and add to the employer's costs. The time has come to end this expansion which makes the employer a combina-tion of bailiff and debt-collector.

The proposals in the community charge go further than any existing practice in that employers will be required to deal with various local authorities and to make complex calculations for deductions for each pay period. There has been no consultation by the Government with business, and many small employers without sophisticated computer software will find themselves in difficulties in deduction of the DAYING IS.

Some individuals will refuse to pay the poll tax on political grounds. They may be wrong, but the employers should not be required to solve the Government's and local authorities' problems.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL IVENS, Director, Aims of Industry, 40 Doughty Street, WC1. January 10.

Polling in the aisles From the Reverend Canon

Roy Henderson Sir, For years, as vicar of St Mary's, I have been teaching that the church is not a building but people. Now I have been hoist with my own petard. S. M. Church has received a request for the payment of the community charge. Do I pay £400 in the interests of theological truth, or tell the registration officer that S. M. Church is a building? Yours etc

ROY HENDERSON, St Mary's Vicarage, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, Avon. January 10.

All about Brahms

From Sir Thomas Armstrong Sir, It is reported in today's issue, under the heading, Cycling through Brahms", that Gerhard Brahms's solo piano music in four recitals in London: comment is made on the rarity of this hazardous adventure.

It is perhaps not inappropriate to recall that many years ago I arranged a summer school for piano teachers in Felixstowe and invited Donald Tovey [1875-1940] to come one morning to give a talk on Brahms's piano music.

Tovey was then living in retirement, not far away, old and ailing, but still eager to cooperate. "I'll come", he said, "not for one morning but for all five mornings, and will play all Brahms's piano music, with comments". And this is what he unforgettably did, playing without music.

There were many wrong notes: there were lapses of memory, covered up by periods of skilful improvisation, for which Tovey apologised frankly. His comments, wide-ranging, penetrating, and often illuminated brightly by personal reminiscences were far from uncritical, I wish they could have been recorded. Anybody who listened attentively was unlikely ever to forget the experience.

How sad it is that the genius of this extra-ordinary man is so inadequately recognized and in danger of being entirely forgotten! THOMAS ARMSTRONG. 1 East Street, Olney,

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Buckinghamshire.

January 9.

From Mr F. O. Marsh Sir, On Friday, December 22, at 1300 hours I walked into the Passport Office, Petty France, quening not necessary, and handed in my used passport, passport renewal form, photographs and cheque and left at 1307. On Tuesday, January 9, I collected my new passport at midday and was in and out of the Passport Office in less than five minutes. Total time 12 minutes. Yours faithfully, FREDERICK O. MARSH, Marsh Business Services, Suite 4, 40 Buckingham Gate, Westminster, SW1.

January 10. Riding in the Row

From Mr Eric Westbrook Sir, Mr Gerald Leach (January 9)

expresses his disappointment with the standard of dress of riders in Rotten Row. But he is wrong to assume that the only well turnedout riders are officers of the Household Cavalry. The Civil Service Riding Club

has a membership of nearly 500, was founded in 1937, and rides daily throughout the year in Rotten Row. Its dress regulations for riding in Hyde Park call for riders to wear hacking jacket, collar and tie, riding breeches or jodhpurs, and the appropriate footwear. The only real difference between our regulations and the clothes worn 30 years ago by Mr

Tory rift on links with Europe From Mr Derek Prag. MEP for 374 Conservative MPs 374 Conservative MPs and 32 Conservative MEPs to think ex-

Hertfordshire (European

Democrat (Conservative)) Sir, One expects from a former chairman of the Conservative Party, Mr Tebbit (article, January 9) a determination to cool tempers and narrow rather than widen any rifts he may perceive between sectors of the party. Conservative members of the European Parliament are the European Community wing of the party, and the need of the small band of 32 Conservatives to work in close and confident cooperation with our centre right partners, if we are to achieve anything, does not make us anything other than loyal British Conservatives.

Mr Tebbit speaks in bloodcurdling terms of "the fight for Britain's independence" and the threat of "the lowering of the curtain on the history of this Kingdom." I do hope he is not going to become as prone to wild exaggerations as Mr Tony Wedgwood Benn, some of whose utterances on Europe those words

Mr Tebbit also quotes some percentages of how much economic sovereignty we now retain. Such figures have no scientific basis; they are purely hypothetical and not helpful. The real and irrefutable fact is that the European Community accounts for only about 5 per cent of the public spending of the Twelve, while the 12 national governments and their local authorities account for the other 95 per cent.

The prospect of the UK being "reduced to a province of Europe", and of the Community becoming a "single, central au-thority" sounds horrific, Indeed, it is horrific - so horrific that I know of no one in the European Parliament, or indeed anywhere on the Continent, who advocates or would countenance that kind of Community, for Britain or indeed for any of their own countries. Europe's attraction lies in its very

Any attribution of new powers to the Community can come only through agreement - by all 12 member states. In other words, if we don't want something, it can't happen to us. And the Community can wield only "conferred powers" - those powers which

have been granted to it.

Airbus dispute

From Lord Dowding

Sir, As a lifelong (though sometimes disillusioned) supporter of the aircraft industry in this country, I am dismayed by the AEU strike against British Aerospace (leading article, January 11).

Until the formation of Airbus Industrie, the passenger-transport section had been dominated by the American aircraft industry. Airbus was conceived, formed, and generated entirely by the French. How I do wish it could have been the British! Our Government ducked the issue. Hawker-Siddeley alone had the guts to take a 20 per cent stake in the

Pay leadership

From Sir John Acland Sir, It is often and rightly said that example is a prerequisite of leadership. The new employment secretary, Mr Howard, in common with other ministers, now exhorts industry (report, January 5) to agree lower wage settlements in the interests of curbing inflation and preserving employment. Such exhortations can very reasonably be expected to fall on deaf ears if the "captains of industry" (to whom the minister says he will speak) and members of Parliament (who must be aware of his message) continue to award themselves pay rises far in excess not

The new Romania

From Mr Zalli Jaffe Sir, I consider Mrs Jessica Douglas-Home's letter (January 11) to be grossly one-sided. A rabbi or not, Moshe Rosen succeeded in organising the Jewish community and Jewish life, communism notwithstanding, be it the building of synagogues, Jewish schools, el-derly people who received their kosher food at home daily from the Kehila, and a unique system of charity.

We all detested Ceausescu. And now that we know how "Stalin-

Orchids from seed

his famed garden.

Institute approved riding hat. Yours faithfully, ERIC WESTBROOK

(Chairman), Civil Service Riding Club, c/o The Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace Road, SWI. From Mrs Stella A. Walker

Sir, in the late 1930s classes were held in the spring for the best turned-out riders in Rotten Row. Judged in 1939 by Sir Walter Gilbey, that stickler for correct equestrian dress, and R. S. Sum-

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passionately holds little attraction to my family of five children, now aged between 29 and 17 years. During their lifetimes they have seen British interest rates remain among the highest in the world.

actly alike on Europe - or, thank

heavens, on anything else. Party

views emerge from constructive

conflict between people who, in general, share similar attitudes on

the fundamentals. On the subject

of the future of the European

Community, I see no reason at all

for fundamental discord within

the party - and certainly no

reason for exacerbating dif-

ferences instead of overcoming

them. Our business is to win

Sir, The "independent Britain" for

which Norman Tebbit argues so

elections, not lose them.

1040 Brussels, Belgium.

From Mr Frank Paton

Yours faithfully,

97-113 rue Belliard,

DEREK PRAG,

January 11.

house prices rise to among the highest in the Western world, the evolution of the least effective state primary education service in the European Community, the withholding of funds to research establishments and universities, the clogging of our roads and cities with fume-emitting traffic, and the acceptance of an outdated, inefficient and dirty public transport

They see all this and more in a working environment where financial services have become better paid and better respected than wealth-creation in the manufacturing industries.

There are two alternatives for their future: either to build a new and vibrant Britain as a leading partner in the European Community, where they will be able to enjoy the many valuable facets of our national and European her-itage, or to leave this country, taking their training and qualifications with them to seek a new and worthwhile life in another continent.

National sovereignty does not stand for much if all it does is to create a deteriorating environment in which to live and work. Yours faithfully, FRANK PATON, Smocombe House, Enmore,

Bridgwater, Somerset. Of course, you cannot expect all

project to build the outline of the wings.

As a result, perhaps un-deservedly, we do still have a footing in the most advanced and imaginative aviation operation of the last two decades. Only Airbus can challenge Boeing for the leadership in the 1990s. We are

about to throw all this away. How can the unions jeopardise this project? I do not know how many jobs will be lost when the work is transferred to Europe. I do know that it will be another nail in our coffin.

Yours, DOWDING, Managing Director, Robinson U.K. Limited, Plantation House - D7,

31/35 Fenchurch Street, EC3. of the rate agreed for the

workforce. The latter might, however, in future respond if their bosses would publicly state that they would take no pay rise in excess of inflation and, better still, take nothing extra for a year. The same should equally apply to members of Parliament who, though not top people, are always forcing their views on the public. Such a selfdenying ordinance might help to achieve what is so evidently and urgently needed; the example has to come from the top. Yours faithfully, JOHN ACLAND,

Feniton Court, Honiton, Devou.

only of the inflation rate but also

istic" he really was, all the more does Rabbi Rosen deserve credit for his achievements on behalf of the Jewish community. He maintained a cordial relationship with Ceausescu. So did many of the leaders of the National Salvation Front. So did most Western leaders. There is one distinction between those Western leaders and Rabbi Rosen. He had to. Yours etc.. ZALLI JAFFE,

side ravaging orchids for their

seed, a deed we know to be un-

desirable, especially at a time

when so many conservationists

are trying to re-educate the public

and preserve our natural flora.

Wimborne St Giles, Dorset.

Jaffe, Fund, Shefi & Co., PO Box 7381, Jerusalem, Israel. January 11.

Yours faithfully,

SHAFTESBURY.

The Estate Office,

January 8.

From the Earl of Shaftesbury Sir, Francesca Greenoak (Review. January 6) alarms me when one of her well-known gardeners opts for growing wild orchids from seed in

Surely, this intention may well encourage less knowledgeable enthusiasts to scour the country-

Leach is our insistence on the wearing of a British Standards merhays, the editor of Riding, in my new Tautz jacket and impeccable Lincoln and Bennett bowler, I thought that, perhaps, I might just ment a minor rosette. Alas! No - I had forgotten my spurs!

Yours faithfully. STELLA A. WALKER, Watermill Farm, Rushlake Green, Heathfield, East Sussex.

From Miss Laura Ogilvie

Sir. What is Rotten Row for? Is it not better to have good riding and well-controlled horses than to have a fashion parade which may disenise indifferent horsemanship? Yours faithfully, LAURA OGILVIE 21 Enford Street, W1.

January 11.

Staff reductions in Aids clinics

From Dr B. A. Evans and others Sir, World Aids Day on December 1, 1989, saw the Minister for Health, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, heading a conference to reinforce the Government's view that heterosexual spread of HIV infection posed a potential threat to public health sufficient to justify unlinked anonymised testing.

In the previous June, Mr David Mellor, then minister, stressed the vital role of genito-urinary medicine (GUM) clinics in preventing the spread of HIV infection and stated that he expected health authorities to take advantage of additional funding to substantially upgrade these services.

The threat of heterosexual spread in England is focused on those areas where the prevalence of HIV infection is highest, foremost among which are the health districts in west London. Yet in Riverside, the district with the largest problem of all (2,524 persons HIV positive, including 607 with Aids) GUM services are

actually being cut. Thus, in East Riverside (Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea) the two clinics, including the recently-opened Kobler Centre for Aids day care, have suffered reductions in reception staff, nursing staff, accommodation, or accessibility.

West Riverside (Hammersmith and Fulham) has fared even worse. A new purpose-built clinic has been left unoccupied for six months, the only extra doctor funded from Aids money has been withdrawn, and a vacant health adviser's post has been frozen. The net result is that staffing is actually lower than for more than a decade, despite the provision of many extra clinic sessions for HIV/Aids and colposcopy.

We cannot remain silent any longer while the Government continues to claim expansion of the health service and at the same time creates budget deficits which are causing reduction of services precisely where they are most needed. Ironically, additional Aids funding is being used to create posts without proper evaluation of their need or effectivement of their need or effective needed. tiveness and allocations are wasted on items of marginal relevance to patient care, Yours faithfully,

West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W6. January 8.

See For Yourself'

P. L. SAMARASINGHE,

B. A. EVANS, A. G. LAWRENCE,

From Mr Alan Wright and Mr Peter Weil Sir, In response to your reports (January 10, 12) concerning the editorial process for the BBC's See For Yourself programme, Chrysa-lis were given a brief to make an eight-minute film about Radio 3 and its range of output. We consulted together throughout the process and at all times were in

Agreemen). When the film was ready, it was shown to John Drummond (Controller, Radio 3) for his comments (a practice we followed for all seven films). John Drummond made suggestions for minor changes, which we both agreed would enhance the viewers' understanding.

What your news story portrays as censorship we would regard as customary practice and fair dealing. Yours faithfully. **ALAN WRIGHT (Director** and Head of Programmes, Chrysalis Television), PETER WELL (Editor, See For Yourself. BBC Television), Wood Lane, W12.

In the wrong order? From Dr J. A. Riddle

Sir, You report (January 5) that her Majesty has been pleased to honour the efforts of Herr Manfred Rommel in the reconciliation of our countries. While undoubtedly fully deserved, was not the choice of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Motto, "For God and the Empire") singularly inappropriate? Indeed, is not the order itself now a relic of the past?

The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, which has the motto Auspicium melioris aevi (token of a better age) sounds more suitable. Yours faithfully.

J. A. RIDDLE, New Clee, St Wilfrid's Green, Hailsham, East Sussex. January 11.

Where credit's due

From Mr David Watt Sir, Mr Leonard Ketley's letter (January 10) on the categories of people who get credit along with the cast of films parallels my own research into television productions. Two preliminary conclu-

sions emerge:

1. The smaller the number of speaking parts, the greater the number of those credited with work behind the scenes. 2. The greater the number of

names on the credit list, the faster it is shown. Sometimes they roll past so fast that I cannot even count them, never mind read them.

D. WATT, 69 Dartmouth Park Road, NW5. January 10.

Yours faithfully,

DIARY

SIMON BARNES

cience is one of the greatest and most

ambiguous forces in sport. And science has given sport an exciting and potentially alarming substance: one that improves performance, gives a vital psycho-

logical edge over the opposition, and does the most sensational things to your body. Nor is it illegal: in fact, the Australians are

flaunting their belief in this stuff of miracles.

It is called lycra, from which the whizziest

Lycra shines and shimmers; it clings to convexities and concavities; it covers but never conceals. If you want to see state-of-

the art lycra, be prepared for the Australian

swimming team at the Commonwealth

Games next week. The swimming cozzies break away from the traditional Australian green and gold: they are black, lit up with

stashes of lime-green and neon yellow.

This is a tremendous psych-up for the team," said their head coach, Don Talbot.

With the overall tally likely to be close, especially against Canada, something like this can tip the balance our way." Talbot's

sentiments were echoed by a competitor, Lisa Curry: "In past Olympics or Common-

wealth Games we have lined up and felt like dogs. If you look good, you feel good, and that's important."

Oh, and here is some more important

news: Australia's synchronized swimming team will wear sequins over a "dolphin print". I have made a New Year's resolution never to say another unkind work about synchro, so I must move on at once.

f you go to Australia you must be pre-pared for a disinclination to cater for English sensibilities, but all the same, I

wish I had known in advance that cricket

wish I had known in advance that cricket coverage on Channel 9 would be presented by Tony Greig in a silly hat. It's made of straw and would sit well on a cowboy. The old bête noir of the English game (former England captain, lest we forget) looks pleased with the hat, pleased with life and most particularly pleased with A.W. Greig.

He will not, I hope, be commentating on

the largest game of cricket ever, to be played in Wellington on Tuesday. Each side will have 150 players, captained respectively by Margaret Shields, a New Zealand cabinet minister, and the Western Samoan consul-

general, La'ulu Fetauimalemau Mata'afa. The game is a curtain-raiser to a 15-a-side

tournament of Pacific cricket, which is the

islanders' adaptation of the game involving rubber balls, concrete pitches and bats shaped like war-clubs. The Samoans call it kirikiti and were introduced to the game by

19th century missionaries hoping to substitute it for inter-village warfare. Whole

villages still sometimes travel to play, and

there are week-long matches. German

colonists tried to ban the game, but it lives

on, under varying rules, not only in Samoa, but in the Cook Islands, Fiji, New Caledonia

sports clothes are now made.

and even Yankee Hawaii.

'Hugo says it's an important mark Fost-moderaist Expressionis linking the Renaissance with the New Wave Minimalism

The most beleaguered sportsman in Australia this week is unquestionably Bob Hawke, whose day job involves being prime minister. He has been taking part in a pro-am golf tournament, and it has not been easy. Pilots involved in the apparently endless saga of their industrial dispute hired a plane to persecute Hawke while he was trying to play a round alongside Greg Norman. As he teed off in front of a gallery of 1,500 people, the plane appeared, trailing a slogan that read: "Hawke's airline wars waste your taxes." The plane made a later appearance, this time telling the world: "Foreign scabs Hawke's shame." Finally, Hawke was buzzed while putting on the 18th green. He was, I am told, striking the ball with unusual

enry Blofeld, the English cricket commentator, has long had a love affair with Australia. That this is in some measure reciprocated is shown by the fact that Blofeld is sometimes credited with the oldest and hoariest Australian joke in existence: the immigration joke. "Do you have a criminal record?" the incoming passenger is asked. "Oh, my dear old thing, I didn't realize it was still compulsory."

Pendulum way to industrial common sense.

David Davis urges compulsory arbitration in monopoly pay disputes

he protracted agonies of the ambulance dispute continue to divide opinion, even among Conservative MPs. The public does not like to see the ambulance workers on strike and, to be fair to them. most crews probably hate being

on strike. So why on earth do we

allow such a situation to arise? Why can we not devise a system that encourages fair resolution of disputes by methods other than a fight to the finish? Why can we not resolve disputes in a way that rewards reasonableness instead of moti-vating militancy? For we can be sure of one thing: the ambulance workers' dispute will not be the last in the public sector.

There is an alternative which can avoid these messy, protracted and damaging disputes: a fair and successful system of arbitration. But traditional arbitration has severe pitfalls. In order to get a better deal, both parties avoid making concessions early. Many negotiators believe that arbitrators split the difference and pitch their last bids high or low accordingly,

So bargaining can lead to a reasonable" final offer than that could even be regional rather widening gap between labour of the other side to maximize its than national. and management. The amown chance of winning. The bulance dispute is a good example. The Government has

offered 6.5 per cent. The am-bulance workers began by asking for 10.8 per cent, then demanded 20 per cent and arbitration, clearly in the belief that the arbitrators would split the difference between the two parties. At present, they are asking for 11.4 per cent. This is the classic tactic employed by trade unions in protracted disputes. It would appear that Roger Poole, the

union negotiator, is more in-terested in winning the PR battle than in resolving the dispute.

To deal with these problems the method of pendulum arbitration was developed, under which the arbitrator must choose one final offer - he cannot split the difference. This encourages negotiations to bargain as far as possible, before invoking a procedure which is extremely uncertain, and to devise a "more

arbitrator's decision is publicly stated and publicly justified, just like a court judgment.

The procedure is designed to be uncomfortable. The arbitrator is denied the easy compromise. The negotiators face the possibility of outright loss. But it is this very discomfort that is the key to the method's success, by encouraging both sides to bargain constructively in order to avoid it. Like any deterrent system, it works best when it is not actually invoked when it forces a negotiated

The system is extremely flexible. The arbitrator's criteria, which would also be public, can be designed to reflect any prac-tical consideration. Hence, pay differentials and reaction to varying local pressure can easily be incorporated into the pro-posal which each side submits to the arbitrator. The proposal

The pendulum system is no theoretical pipe-dream. It is currently in use in both the United States and Britain. In the US, public sector industrial strikes are illegal in all but nine states. Arbitration is mandatory in 20 states, of which 10 use conventional arbitration, eight use pendulum arbitration, and two use both.

In Britain, no-strike and pendulum arbitration agreements have been adopted in more than 30 companies, including Cadbury, though they are typically associated with companies under progressive Japanese management. Neither is it confined to high-tech industries; the port of Immingham on Humberside has a no-strike agreement with its dockers.

One omission from the Government's latest Green Paper on Employment Law — which per-haps should have been included - was any explicit way of dealing

with persistent crippling monopoly-sector strikes. Pendulum arbitration, although no panacea for poor management, gives us a vital tool to fix this problem.

Poole's system of arbitration - the conventional method only serves to encourage irresponsible negotiating behaviour, as Nupe is currently demonstrating. If the system of industrial arbitration is to remain unchanged, then the trade unions will have to forgo the right to strike. The union leaders should no longer be permitted to blackmail the Government with the kind of "take it or leave it"

approach used by Poole. The Government should legislate to replace the strike weapon in companies and services which have more than, say, a 75 per cent monopoly, with the right to negotiate, backed up by compulsory pendulum arbitra-tion. This law should be enforced by the right to sequester union assets in the event of an illegal strike. The initiation of for Policy Studies).

such proceedings should be open not just to management, but to the main victims of monopoly strikes — the customers.

This approach would be fair and even-handed. It would maintain justice in the workplace. It would be decisive, but non-inflationary. It would be constructive, in contrast to the. bitter legacies left by strike action. It would replace "might is right" methods of conflict resolution with the rule of reason. More than anything, it would convert the negotiation process into a joint search for constructive solutions, rather than the battle for advantage that exists in the state sector at the

Politics was once described as the art of the possible. For Poole, negotiation is clearly the art of the plausible. But government is the art of the practical, and for that reason the strike weapon should be replaced with pendulum arbitration.

David Davis, Conservative MP for Boothferry, is author of The Power of the Pendulum (Centre

Why East and West must stay apart

West Berlin

hat used to be a moderate sense of German nationhood is giving way to nationalist emotion. Our neighbours watch with anxiety, even with alarm, as Germans recklessly talk themselves into the will to unity.

Day by day, the people of East Germany are struggling for greater freedom and razing the bastions of a hated system by non-violent means. This is an event unique in German history. But these events are in danger of being overshadowed as West German politicians demand the stage, and with it the spotlight. The Bonn government, with Theo Waigel, the minister of finance, in the vanguard, drapes its cornucopia in glittering promises, then dangles it ever higher, demanding that the revolutionaries take ever riskier leaps to reach it.

Meanwhile Chancellor Kohl, with an eye on the elections later this year, offered a 10-point reunification programme, wrapped in statesmanlike oraplause. Contradictions and omissions, such as the refusal to recognize without qualification Poland's western borders, were overlooked. But disenchantment soon set in. For no one can ever again permit such a concentration of power in the heart of Europe. Certainly the great powers cannot - nor can the Poles. the Dutch or the Danes.

But neither can we Germans Because there can be no demand for a new version of a unified nation that, in the course of barely 75 years, though under several managements, has filled the history books with millions of dead and millions of refugees, with rubble, defeat and the burden of crimes that can never

be undone. We should learn from our compatriots in East Germany. for they were not given freedom as a gift, as were the citizens of the Federal Republic, but have had to wrest their freedom from an all-embracing system. They have had to struggle to achieve it on their own, while we West Germans stand amid our riches,

yet poor by comparison. So what is this boast that West Germans know better about democracy when our grade on the first exam is satisfactory at best? What is this exultation at the corruption that has come to light in East Germany when stench clings to our own system? And measured against the modest wishes of those we presume to call the have-nots on the other side, what is this imperiousness incarnate in the person of Hehmut Kohi?

Consider the possibilities that were open to East Germany after 1945 and their present-day effects. No sooner had greater Germany's systematic coercion lost its power than the Stalinist system took hold with new, though familiar forms of coercion. Economically exploited by



Günter Grass, the West German novelist, urges help for the new

nation arising beyond the rubble of the Wall, but sees reunification

as an exercise in self-delusion

the Soviet Union (itself ravaged by the greater German Reich), confronted by Soviet tanks during the 1953 uprising and then finally trapped behind the Wall, the citizens of East Germany have had to pay, and as proxies for the citizens of the Federal Republic, to pay and pay again. It was not we who bore the chief burden for a world war that all Germans lost. No, they bore it, in unfair measure.

And so we owe them quite a lot. What is needed is not a patronizing quick boost or a brisk buyout of a bankrupt state, but a far-reaching equalization of burdens, payable at once and with no conditions. We can finance the debt we owe by cutting our military budget and imposing on every West German income. Only then can we and our compatriots in the GDR speak and negotiate as equals. But although we have one history and one culture, those negotiations must be about two confederated states. The precondition for self-determination is all-encompassing independence, and that includes eco-

The hocus-pocus of reunification rhetoric is seductive but gets us nowhere. Once it is set aside, it becomes clear that the suggestion of Hans Modrow, the prime minister of the GDR, for a contractual community is well suited to the present situation and its eventual possibilities.

nomic independence.

This would allow for a commission, with equal representation from both countries, to coordinate obvious matters such as transport, energy and the postal service - and to oversee the equalization payment that the Federal Republic owes the GDR. An additional task in the service of peace would be a step- by-step reduction of defence budgets and co-ordination of joint German responsibility for development aid to the Third World. Not the least of its tasks, the commission could tackle environmental pollution, which disregards all national boundaries.

All such efforts and more like them, if they are successful, will

make room for further German-German advances. But with one precondition: the renunciation of any unified state.

Union with East Germany by annexation would involve losses that could never be made good. For the citizens of a subsumed state, there would be nothing left of their hard-earned identity achieved at last at the cost of exemplary struggle. Their own history would sink beneath the dull weight of a standardized history. Nothing would be gained except an alarming excess of power, swollen with the lust for more and more power.

Despite all our protestations, even well-intentioned ones, we Germans would once again be feared. Our neighbours would gaze at us with justifiable mistrust, which would very quickly give rise to a renewed sense of isolation and with it the dangerous self-pitying mentality that sees itself as surrounded by enemies. A reunited Germany would be a colossus, bedevilled by complexes and blocking its own path and the path to

European unity. On the other hand, a confederation of the two German states, and their declared renunciation of a unified state, would benefit European union, especially because, like the new German self-conception, it too will be a confederation.

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Michael Kinsley

Don't just hang on

hen the price of some-thing goes up, the sup-ply of it increases. That is the consolation offered by economists throughout the ages. A higher price for apples will induce more people to grow apples. But no such consolation is available in the case of paintings by dead artists. The skyrocketing prices of art masterpieces will not produce more masterpieces. A few may come out of hiding, and perhaps a forgery or two will add to the world's enjoyment of great art until they are exposed and denounced. But the main economic effect of the price explo-sion for works of art is to transfer wealth to the present owners.

Economists call the mistaken feeling of increased wealth caused by general inflation "the money illusion". The inflation in art prices is slightly different: call it "the Manet illusion". When an Impressionist painting thought to be worth \$15 million is suddenly worth \$30 million, the world is not \$15 million richer. However, the owner's claim on the world's existing wealth has doubled.

understand all the hair-pulling about the terrible effect on the public of the art masterpiece price explosion. After all, most of the works are owned by institutions, owned, in turn, by the public. Economically, museums and galleries are by far the biggest beneficiaries of higher art prices. So why have so many art dealers entered a blue period?

The reason, of course, is that museums, as a rule, only buy works of art and do not sell them. If museums could overcome their anti-selling fetish. they could exploit the enormous power the art boom has given them for at least three different DUITDOSES.

First, to break the back of the art market, which is already shaky. There was talk of Picasso's "Au Lapin Agile" breaking the world record of \$53.9 million set two years ago by Van Gogh's "Irises"; it went for \$40.7m. Revelations about fancy financing arrangements and other manipulative practices by the auction houses make it all look increasingly like a classic specu-lative bubble. William Grampp, a University of Chicago professor, notes in his recent book about the economics of art, Pricing the Priceless, that historically, art has never been a good

investment. If the high priests of the art world really think that exorbitant prices are turning art into a commodity, corroding aes-thetic sensibilities and spreading philistinism like a plague, nothing could be easier than to burst the bubble. Prices are kept artificially high because the vast majority of great paintings are permanently off the market. Even the possibility of a small fraction of them coming up for sale would cause prices immediately to plummet.

S.L Newhouse, the billionaire American publisher, is widely suspected of paying \$17.7 million for a Jasper Johns in order to raise the value of the Johnses he already owns. If museums were really determined to push prices down, they could pull a reverse Newhouse and sell a

masterpiece or two. Second, rather than destroy Second, rather than destroy their own wealth, museums might wish to exploit it more efficiently. At any level of prices, museums can afford almost any painting they want, provided they are willing to sell others. High prices do not prevent museums from improving their collections — merely from expanding them indefinitely. And a visitor cannot help noticing that the world's major museing that the world's major museums are already full. Since it is a cardinal belief of the deplorers of commercialization that the philistines are partial to inferior works by big-name painters, the museums have an opportunity for aesthetic arbitrage.

Third, if museum trustees really believe that great paintings are insanely overvalued financially - but undervalued aesthetically - they may want to consider selling off their inventory and not replacing it. If you would not pay \$50 million for a Van Gogh, why should you keep a Van Gogh for which you could get \$50 million? Why not sell it and use the money for the homeless, or art education, or some other worthy cause?

dward Banfield, a Harvard political scientist, proposed several years ago that museums free themselves from the cult of the original and replace their paintings with highquality reproductions. He argued that a good fake has almost all of a painting's aesthetic value, yet costs a minute fraction of the original because it lacks the investment value. If it is investment values (in both senses: the financial value of paintings and the spiritual values of the financial world) that threaten museums today, Banfield's solution seems even more tempting. Time reported that the canvas on tour in Australia representing itself as Van Gogh's "Irises" may actually be a copy. This reinforces Banfield's contention that the difference between real and fake is not even in the eye of the beholder.

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It ill behoves Americans to fret that we are losing great European paintings to the Japanese. How did we get them? As Grampp points out, works of art have been moving west "for millen-nia": from the Middle East to Greece and Rome in ancient times; from Italy to northern Europe; in the 19th century from Europe to the American East Coast: more recently across America to Texas and California; and now to Japan.

Some day, Grampp predicts, they will all end up where they started. All the more reason for museums to think of their collections as assets to be used shrewdly, rather than as sacrosanct national treasures.

The author is senior editor of The New Republic.

You, and I, appear anonymously in hundreds of snapshots. For it is impossible to walk in London without blundering across the viewfinders of a dozen tourists at the instant their cameras click.

And what about the Yorkshire Ripper? This man, too, must lurk unrecognized in scores of family albums. Such documents constitute a set, scattered beyond collation, yet logically intact. This week I was reminded of

another mysterious set: the 20,000 (or so) written replies to members of the public which went out between 1977 and 1979 from the Office of the Leader of the Opposition, Mrs Thatcher.

They went in the name of her correspondence secretary - me. On Thursday the House discussed the ambulance dispute. Busy with my parliamentary sketch, I wandered from the Press Gallery, nodding at a knot of

A brandy, please—and stretcher lobby correspondents - the élite, to whom Sources Close to Downing Street will talk. "Prob-

ably waiting for Bernard Ingham," I thought, brushing past. "Ah, Mr Parris," said one of the great ones, in tones of mock gravity. "May we have a quote from you?" I smiled. A tittle joke, obviously. They must be bored.

"Seriously: what's your com-ment on this?" They thrust a letter at me. It was dated August 22, 1978. "Dear Gentlemen," it started, "... on Mrs Thatcher's behalf..." The penny dropped. It was a reply (apparently) to an inquiry from a group of ambulancemen. It stated that when Mrs Thatcher advocated linking

pay to inflation in the "emergency services", she meant am-bulance as well as fire personnel. "This is dynamite," one of the

journalists said. "Where did the policy in this letter come from?" Of course I haven't the faintest recollection. I dare say I just made it up, out of sheer devilment. Or perhaps I had looked up "emergency" in a dictionary. There is even the possibility that I checked with Mrs Thatcher herself, although this seems unlikely as she was terribly busy and one would not have wanted to trouble her about anything so minor. The main thing is that it was interesting to see that my handwriting was just as bad when I was 28.



But how many more of these replies might there be, tucked, forgotten, into unused drawers, ticking quietly away? You see, this is not the first. Back in 1979 I wrote "on Mrs

Thatcher's behalf" to an angry lady. Her letter complained about immigrants, noisy Down's Syndrome children, and the thin walls of her council house. Her letter lacked charm but I do see, now, that it was unwise to state on Mrs Thatcher's headed notepaper that people in council houses should be grateful to have a roof over their heads provided at the taxpayers' expense.

Weeks later, as the 1979 election loomed, the Daily Mirror printed my letter as a "front page exclusive". Next, the Labour Party printed three million copies of the letter, in leaflet form, to be distributed nationally to council tenants. "The Letter that let the

Tory Cat out of the Bag", it was called. By a twist of fate, the lorryload of leaflets was delivered to Conservative Central Office because the driver had seen Mrs Thatcher's letterhead on the leaflets, and assumed they must be for the Tories. CCO took a look then sent them over to Transport House.

Have you ever been called into Mrs Thatcher's office for a ticking off? No? For me the experience still burns in the memory.

She has never been anything but kind to me and she comes out of this pretty well. It's just that I could tell she thought me completely mad. Probably still does. She looked at me, head slightly on

one side, with an expression that said: "There's something not quite right about that boy." Her tone confirmed it. "Nanny is not", it implied, "going to shout. Nanny is not even going to raise her voice. Nanny is not cross. Nanny is just very, very sad."
"Why, Matthew?" she said.

Her private secretary gave me a stiff brandy afterwards. Yesterday I had to make do with a cup of tea, provided by the Guardian sketchwriter. "Are there more of these letters?" he asked, gingerly. Who knows? Is there perhaps a night on a moonless March equinox when all the unrecognized snapshots of the Yorkshire Ripper, and all the latently lethal letters we ever wrote, turn pale luminous green, slide noiselessly from forgotten cupboards and fly towards some nameless Welsh mountaintop, to dance?

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BAR DON-SHETH January 1st 1990. at Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, to Jane (née Abbess) and lan, a daughter, Kathryn Laura, a sister for Caroline.

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to Helen (nèe Lewis) and Anthony, a daughter, Locy Mary Ingeborg, a sister for Michael and Philippa. posteGAN - On December 21st 1989, in New York, to Deirdre (née Eckett) and Mark, a daughter, Alexandra Ciscont

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MUSGRAVE - On January 11th 1990, to Kate (nee Morrison) and Colin, a son, a brother for Lucy, Clare and Kitty.

SHUTT - On January 11th 1990, at Norfolk and Nor-wich Hospital. to Jane (née Adamson) and Dr. Adrian Shutt, a daughter. Rebecca Jane. a sisier for Benjamin.

STIFF - On January 9th 1990. to Judy Wilson and Michael Stiff, a son, Robert Michael. err. soft - On December 50th, at St James's Hospital. Leeds, to Rosemary and David, a son. James Robert, a brother for Christophes.

MARRIAGES

WALKER-NORREY - On January 5th at Enfield, Mr Frank Walker to Mrs Susen Eleanor Norrey (nee

ANNIVERSARIES

THOSEPSONSUTTON
Leonard to Janette at St
John's Church, Umtail, Rhodesia, January 14th 1950.
Now at Tilehurst, Berkshire.

DEATHS

BATHO - On January 12th 1990, in his 80th year, at home after a short illness, Maurice Benjamin (Baronett of Carton Hall, Sammindham, Suffolk, beloved humband of Antonette Jesting (atter of beloved husband of Anionette, loving father of Anne, Peter, Richard and Jacqueline, and much loved grandfather. Foneral Service of Keissle Parish Church on. Wednesday January 17th at 2 pm. followed by private interment at Cartion Parish Church. Enquiries to Tony Brown, tel: (0728) 603108.

TITM: TEM - On January 11th, Sarah 'Sally', aged 94, in hospital in London. R.I.P.

GHARLESON - On January
6th 1990. In London, Ian,
dearly beloved son of Jack
and Jean Charleson of
Edinburgh and a dear
brother of Kenneth and
Elizabeth. A private funeral
has taken place in Edinburgh
at his request. A Memonal
Service to be held in London
to be aunounced later.

de CREY - On January 11th.
Derothy Maude (Dawl,
widow of Hon. Richard
Patrick de Grey, at home in pairick de Grey, at nome in her 94th year. Funerat service and intermant at St. Peter's Church. Merfon. Norfolk on Tuesday January 16th at 2 pm. No flowers. Donations to Royal British Legion. c/o W.C. Littleproud. Funeral Directors, Bradenhalm, Theiford.

de WYTT - On May 2nd, 1989. Dr. Kathleen Mary (Kilty, Wislow of William de Wytt M.C.H.O.R.T.H. at her daughters home, 87 Clover Street, Enoggera, Brisbane, Australia.

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I will give them a heart and ! will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the story heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh.

Ezeklet 11: 19

BIRTHS

BOWLING - On January 12th, peacefully, at St. Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland, Brenda Mauce, aged 89 years, much loved mother of Martin and John, Funeral at St. Nicholas Church, Alexandra Road, Sunderland, on Thursday January 18th at 11 am.

pencefully. Josephine Albertine, at Oketon Nursing Albertine, at Oketon Nursing Home. Teddington, aged 93. Beloved while of Francis, mother of Brymne. Bomi to David. Christine. Richard and Jonathan. Creat-Bond to Christian. Nicholas and Georgana. Funeral Service at Hanworth Crematorium on Tuesday January 23rd at 11.30 am. "...happily to the Lord".

HETT - On January 8th, at Abbeycrest, Sonning Common, Reading, Teresa Oilbert, aged 99. Requiem Mass St. Mitchael's, Sonning Common, Tuesday January 16th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, donations to St Christopher's Montes Systemas

NEWTON - On Thursday
January 11th 1990. In her
80th year, Qonagh, much
loved mother of Shane.
Hedley and Galdagh and
grandmother of Peregrine.
Marcus. Toby. Ben and
Caspar. Funeral Service on
Friday January 19th 1990 at
St. Margaret's Church.
Templeton. Tiverton. Devon.
at 11.30 am followed by
private cremation. Family
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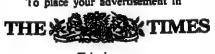
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accustomed to hard labour and knew nothing of agriculture." COLONIZATION IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

The Emigration Commissioners hav-

ing been desired by the Secretary of

State for the Colonies to make known the result of the attempt made last

year to establish a British colony at Rosario, in the Argentine Republic, have requested us to publish the following statement:-"Intelligence has recently been received from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Buenos Ayres of the entire failure of the settlement of Englishmen which it was endeav-

oured by Mr. Henly to establish in the Argentine Republic. This settlement, which consisted in the first instance of about 60 young men of good family, who subscribed 150 L a spiece towards preliminary expenses, and which was accompanied by a clergyman of the Church of England and a medical man, it had been intended to establish at Fraile Muerto, between Rosario and Cordova. Some difficulty, however, having arisen in obtaining the land contracted for at that place, it was eventually established at Rosario.

According to the prospectus the colonists were for a certain time to work in partnership with Mr. Henly

ON THIS DAY

to learn the business, and, when they had done so, were to be put in possession of farms at a price to be agreed on beforehand. The profits were to be divided each year and one-half applied to the

repayment of the entrance fee, which Mr. Henly estimated would be done out of the first year's profits. The colonists arrived at Buenes Ayres in the spring of last year (1870), and shortly afterwards proceeded to Rosario, well furnished with farming implements and other supplies considered necessary for their use. It soon, however, became apparent that they were quite unsuited for the life they had under-taken. They had not been accustomed to hard labour, and knew

nothing of agriculture. On the 27th of July the Charge d'Affaires at Buenos Ayres reported that several of the party, including the clergyman and his family, had returned to England, stating that they had been brought out under false pretences. Towards the end of September the colony was visited by Mr. Hutchin-son, the British Consul at Rosario,

who reported that the colonists did very little work; that almost all the

money paid to Mr. Henly, amounting

to 10,800 l had been spent; and that the colony would probably break up very shortly. This anticipation has been since verified. On the lith of November last the Charge d'Affaires at Buenos Ayres reported that the colony had been abendoned; that Mr.Henly had disappeared without giving an account of the money he had received; that of the colonists, "a few linger about Rosario, ruined, discouraged,, and disheartened; others are endeavouring to obtain employment on the neighbouring farms; some will endeavour to return to England".

Second Sunday after Epiphany

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M. Prof F Young: 11 S Ench. Missa Brevis in D (Mozard, A little child (Flemish carol). The Dean: 3.15 E. Responses (Reading). Dyson in D. When Jenus out Lord Omendeisobunk: 6.30 Sermon & Compline, York Minstters: 8, 8.45 HC. 10 S Ench. Stanford in C. Very Rev J Southeate: 11.30 M. Britten in C. 4 EP: 6.30 Epiphany Processions In C. 4 EP: 6.30 Epiphany Procession In C. Responses (Ashileid): 10.30 M. Macpherson in E. Rev J. 11.30 HC. Micse cum substo Couralies Personnent hodie (art Holst): 3 15 E. Sumsion in C. Dies sanctiticans (Palestrina). Rev Dr. J. King Ten Asses (Palestrina). Rev Dr. J. King Ten Asses for Mine Personnent (Tomkidas). Canon C. Semper; 11.15 Abbey Elich. Mass for Inve voices (Byrdi. Rev A Luff: 3 E. Sumsion in G. When Jesus our Lord (Mendeissohn). Rev B George: 5.45 Organ Recitai: 5.30 ES. Revision (Landi Mendeissohn). Rev B George: 5.45 Organ Recitai: 6.30 ES. Revision (B Blat. The Three Kings (Epiphal). Canon P Price. WESTI MINISTER CATHEDRAL: 9 HC. 11 Euch. Missa Brevis in D (Mozart). Overn vidicitis (Pottiene). The Provost: 5. Stanford in B Blat. The Three Kings (Epiphal). Canon P Price. WESTI MINISTER CATHEDRAL: 7. 8. 9. 10.50 SM. Mass for five voices (Byrdi. British Dec (Derling). Sicul Cort. (Palestrina). Choral in G. 37 Fencial: 3.30 V & B, Magnifical octavity (Palestrina). The Down Recitai: 3.30 V & B, Magnifical octavity (Palestrina). The Moral Cathedral Cathedral Or The Divine Westing (Palestrina). The Down Recitai: 3.30 V & B, Magnifical octavity (Palestrina). The Moral Cathedral Or The Down Recitai: 3.30 V & B, Magnifical octavity (Palestrina). The Down Recitai: 3.30 V & B, Magnifical octavity (Palestrina). The Moral Cathedral Or The Down Recitai: 3.30 V & B, Magnifical octavity (Palestrina). The Moral Cathedral Or The Down Recitai: 3.30 V & B, Magnifical octavity (Palestrina). The Moral Cathedral Or Th

THE CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's Palace: 8-30 HC. 11-15 MP, Gloria in Excelles (weekes), Canon C. J. Mill. SOYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL. Greenwich. SE10: 8-30 HC; 11 MP & HC. From the rising of the sun (Ouseley). The Trurec Kings (Cornetius) The Chapitalian. GLARIS CHAPEL Weitington Surracks. SW1. 11 M; 12 HC. The Lord hath maintened forth his glory

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36; Mr Michael Bond, author and creator of Paddington Bear, 64: Dr Sydney Brenner, CH, molecular biologist, 63; Lady Donaldson of Kingsbridge, author, 83; Mr Stephen Hendry, snooker player, 21; Mr Olaf Lambert, vice-president, AA, 65; Sir Alan Lubbock, former chairman.

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Whether it would be correct to add or subtract the number of man-hours spent grumbling about the sermon afterwards is another matter. One recent remark from an anonymous clergyman summed up what must be a very widespread sense of the difficulty - "Even though people often say we are preaching about irrelevant topics, when topical subjects are mentioned it is taken as

interference." The remark comes from a recent survey conducted in both parts of Ireland, the results of which have just been published in Priests and People, an English Catholic monthly journal. But there is probably not much in the survey peculiar to Ireland, and its findings bear a distinct resemblance to the sort of thing people write to the Church Times to

complain about. The average preacher, the survey found, spends about two or three hours a week preparing his sermon, though "finding time is the problem." Among those preparing and delivering them, the most favoured length was about ten minutes, and only I per cent thought the ideal was more than 16 minutes. Lay people in the congregations actually seemed to prefer a slightly longer sermon than the clergy, and even more unexpectedly, a quarter of students in the survey

would like more than 16 minutes. The two least favourite subjects, on both sides of the pulpit, were sex and money. It is strictly relevant only to Irish Catholicism, but interesting enough on its own account, that "sexuality, especially contraception" was way out in front as the topic these priests least liked preaching about, being mentioned by 77 per cent of the random all-Ireland sample of 425 clergy.

Money and church finance came next, being mentioned by 32 per cent. There was less unanimity among the two other

ite topics of the former were money, politics and sex; and of the latter, money and fundraising, sexuality_premarital sex, and substance abuse.

Congregations expressed a preference for sermons on concrete subjects, and the clergy for more abstract and spiritual topics, though the adult laity's first choice was for sermons on the theme of God's life - it is not clear exactly what they meant - followed by family life and daily life. The students' favourite three were "stories related to the readings" young people, and problems of life.

The priests, however, preferred to preach, first, on the Mass and the Sacraments, then on "God's love for us", and thirdly on prayer and on justice. Both sets of lay preferences seem to amount to a plea for relevance to everyday life in church sermons.

Mr John Weafer, who conducted the survey and wrote the article for Priests and People, comments that a general concern which emerged from the replies "focused on the need to establish definite concrete links between the biblical message and life as it is experienced today." There is relevance and relevance, obviously; people seem to dislike sermons which try to put the whole world to rights, but welcome contributions which are useful at the level of minute particulars.

Mr Weafer, currently of Sussex University, is director of the research and development department of the Irish Bishops' Conference; and the survey's importance suggests research and development is something other churches could do with more of, and on this side of the water too.

There has been no similar study of sermons in Britain nor indeed anywhere else in Europe, apparently, and therefore no way of knowing whether there is in Britain the same overwhelming desire among the clergy for professional help to do their preaching better. Almost two thirds of the Irish clergy wanted further training, and four in ten had already been on in-service preaching courses, which is surely a much higher proportion than in

random samples in the survey, adults and students, but the three least favour-technique and for assistance with the content, and indicated a shrewd appreciation that in the days of professional mass media, the clergy could not afford to be amateur in their approach to communication.

They found it difficult to be original or fresh week after week, and difficult to know how to approach an audience of all ages and conditions. They also felt the lack of feedback from congregations.

There was considerable agreement in

the survey's three categories on what made a good sermon, topic apart. It had to be short, which must mean, given the general preference for a ten-minute span, that it had to seem shorter than it actually was. It had to be clear and simple, to the point, and interesting. And "relevant to everyday life" showed itself strongly again in this section. Clergy recognized that preaching was

one of their most important duties, and could also be among the most satisfying. There was an almost universal desire to do it better. Congregations similarly regarded the sermon as an essential part of the service, and were in fact rather more satisfied with what they heard than

the clergy gave themselves credit for.

The obvious value of this survey prompts the thought that a similar exercise in Britain (preferably ecumeni-cal) could be very valuable. But there is one recommendation of the Irish survey which is almost self-evidently applicable to Britain without more ado, namely that every diocese should have its own preaching resource centre, both as a centre for regular training and for books,

tapes, videos and similar equipment. Such training, Mr Weafer suggests, would teach preachers how to use stories to present the message clearly, how to handle references to their own personal experiences and to the lives of the people histening, and even how to use humour. For those were the techniques judged most effective by those who have to listen to them - and no doubt whatsoever, not just in Ireland.

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OBITUARIES

LIEUT-GEN SIR ROGER BOWER

From Arnhem to anti-terrorist operations in the jungles of Malaya

Lieutenant-General Sir Roger Bower, KCB, KBE, who died on January 9, aged 86, was the Director of Operations in Malaya in the post-Templer era. He launched the series of successful operations that started the progressive disintegration of Chin Peng's Communist terrorist gangs in the jungles of Perak and Johore in 1956 and 1957. Roger Herbert Bower was born on February 13, 1903, the son of H. M. Bower of Ripon in Yorkshire. He was educated at Repton and Sand-

hurst before being commis-sioned into the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in 1923. His early career was with the 2nd Battalion in India. After passing out of the Staff College, Camberley, in 1936, he served as Brigade Major in Hong Kong until just

In 1944 he was on the staff Malaya as a of General "Boy" Browning's eral in 1956. 1st Airborne Corps and took part in "Market Garden", the airborne attack on Arnhem. Subsequently he com-

before the War,

manded two different air landing brigades: the 1st in the liberation of Norway in 1945, and the 6th in the Bethlehem area of Palestine in 1946. The units of his brigade took part in Operation "Agatha", the round up of the Jewish Agency leadership in June 1946, and Operation "Shark", the follow- up after the bombing of the King David Hotel a month later. Veterans of his brigade remember him for his quiet determination and unfailing helpfulness during these very trying operations.

He returned to Europe in 1948 to become Commander of Hamburg District as a Major-General before becoming Director of Land/Air Warfare in the War Office in 1950, had begun to snowball by the a post which was combined time he left Malaya to take up

Hawaiian geese outside Slimbridge and Hawaii itself.

He retained a large selection of

ornamental wildfowl at his

Boston home until his retire-

ment. He had been involved

with the Wildfowl Trust since

its earliest days and was a

council member and latterly a

The second Wildfowl Trust

property at Peakirk largely

owes its existence to his

knowledge and endeavour. He

was later to write a book with

the Peakirk curator Tony

Cook about the nearby Bor-

ough Fen decoy, a device used

Although he had been a

to catch wild duck.

trustee.



with the Directorship of Military Training in the following Staff of HO Allied Forces Northern Europe in 1955 preceded his departure for Malaya as a Lieutenant-Gen-

During this period he also chaired the Bower Committee in the War Office on infantry reorganization and the development of the Large Regiment concept, which was adopted by the army during the regimental amalogamations that followed the phasing out of National

Service after the Suez debacle. By the time he arrived in Malaya, his predecessor, General Sir Geoffrey Bourne, had established a swathe of "White" areas, free from terrorism, across the centre of the Peninsula. In Bower's two years as Director of Operations he mounted three highly successful operations extending the "White" areas southwards towards Johore and three northwards into Perak. The surrender and "turning" of important terrorist leaders

RICHARD PILCHER

Rescuing wildfowl for Sir Peter Scott

his last appointment in the army as GOC-in-C Middle East Land Forces in Cyprus in 1958.

Bower was a man of great integrity and personal charm; level-headed in times of crisis; and a wise counsellor. Although he was a strong character with crystal clear views and a good soldier, he was too modest and unassuming to catch the headlines. General Sir Kenneth Darling, the Director of Operations in Cyprus at the time that he was GOC-in-C, recalls the harmonious relationship that Bower managed to establish between GHQ, responsible for the whole of the Middle East, and Sir Hugh Foot and himself, who were directing the local year. Command of East Anglia who were directing the local District in 1952 and Chief of anti-terrorist campaign against Colonel Grivas's EOKA in Cyprus. Bower minimised the friction that could so easily have arisen between the GHQ and the local government and military headquarters.

When he retired in 1960, he became Treasurer to HRH Princess Margaret for two years. He then devoted his time to Service charities such as SSAFA, and he undertook the active chairmanship of Action Research in Aid of Crippled Children. In his spare time he made himself a master cabinet maker, some of whose handiwork can be seen in the board listing the incumbents of the parish church at St Mary Bourne in Hampshire, where he was churchwarden for 18 years. He was also an accomplished musician and a keen fly fisherman, who en-joyed the sport well into his eighties.

He married The Hon Catherine Muriel Hothman in 1939. Catherine their daughter and an adopted son survive

Cranleigh School

The Leut Term at Cranleigh School begins tomorrow. Fourth Form Music Scholarship HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State
at the Scottish Office, was host examinations will be held on February 5/6; Confirmation by at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last the Bishop of Guildford is on March 10; the Preparatory Schools Hockey Festual is on March 12; the School Play, The Passion of Christ, will be performed in the Speech Hall from March 15.17. night at Edinburgh Castle for members of the Japanese business community in Scotland. Mr Gwilym Roberts and Mr Eric Bridgen, Acer Group Chau-March 15-17; and the Choral Concert, Brahms' German Reman and Chief Executive

quiem, is on March 25. Term respectively, were hosts at a reception on Wednesday, Januends on March 30. Sixth Form Academic ary 10, at the Oueen Elizabeth U Scholarships have been awarded Conference Centre to celebrate to: Tessa Hibbert (Surbiton High School), Sarah Oh (United World College of South-East Asta), and Fleur Laventure (Royal Naval School). the second Anniversary of the creation of Acer Group by the merger of Freeman Fox and John Taylor. In a welcoming address, Mr

Dinner

Hairdressing Council Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, was host at a dinner given by the Hairdressing Council, the industry statutory authority, in the House of Commons, on January 8. Mr Mark Segar, Chairman of the Council, presided. The guests included: Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mrs Alm Winterton, MP, Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP, Miss Carole Tongue, MEP, Mr John Barnes, Director-Ceneral of the City and Guilds of Lotton British Dr Martorte Richey, of the City and Carolina of the Mr Paul Diston, of the Department of Trade and Industry.

Also present were Mr John Byrne, Registrar of the Hair-dressing Council, represent-atives of all the major hairdressing industry organisations and members of the Hairdressing Council.

Royal engagement The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, will attend a

performance of Messiah at the Albert Hall at 7.20 tomorrow.

Forthcoming marriages

The engagement is announced

between Timothy, son of the late Mr Norman Collins and of Mrs Jill Collins, of Woolstone, Gloucestershire, and Deborah, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs

John Hathaway, of Tidworth, and London.

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs G.V. Fry, of Otford, Kent,

and Laura, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs A.G.M. Shewen, of Bickenhall,

Mr S.G. Fry and Miss L.B.M. Shewen

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Vallis, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Squad-

on Leader Lyn James, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Caroline, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs Anthony

Norman, of Upper Swanmore,

Mr G.L. James and Miss C.L. Norman

Mr R. Hanker

Mr S.W. Jedd

and Miss D.J. Hathaway

Sir Charles Eltes, Bt and Miss L.L. Heller

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Charles Abraham Grierson, only son of Lady Etton, of Clevedon, Avon, and the late Sir Arthur Etton, Bt, and Lucy Lauris, eldost daughter of Mrs Caroline Garnham, of London, and the late Mr Lules Heller.

Mr LC.W. Anthony and Miss C.J. Eather The engagement is announced between Ivor, son of the late Major Philip Anthony and of Mrs Susan Knippenberg, of Belford, Northumberland, and Caroline, daughter of Mr Michael Esther and Mrs Julia

and Man J.M. Tate The engagement is announced between John Brian, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Baish, of Kingswood, Bristol, and Jennifer Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Tate, of

and Miss D.M. Edinger The engagement is announced een Jason, eldest son of Mr

and Mrs T.A. Boorman, of London, and Deborah, eldest daughter, of Major and Mrs L.D. Edinger, of Harrogate.

and Miss K.E. Howard The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs George Judd, of Dibden Purlieu, Southampton, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Howard, of Newbridge, Cadnam, Southampton, My LA. Cudare and Mine J.M. Collins The engagement is announced between Ian Alastair, son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Cadzow, of Berwick-on-Tweed, and Jessica May, elder daughter of James W.H. Collins, of Edinburgh, and of Mrs Helen Collins, of

Mr W.R.G. Macpherson and Miss S.J. Palmer

The engagement is announced between William Robert George, younger son of Mrs B.H.P. Whitmore, of Guildford, Surrey, and Sarah Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K.E. Palmer, of Beckenham, Kent

Mr J.N. Maidan and Miss J.A. Tomlins The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr between James, only son of Mi Neil Maitland and the late Gillian Maitland, of Duddleswell, East Sussex, and

Julie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Tomlinson, of Dr R.J.W. Lewis and Miss S.J. Mars The engagement is The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Major and Mrs Jack Lewis, o Cranleigh, Surrey, and Sarah

youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Marsden, of Sandhurst, Berkshire Mr J.D. McLaughlis and Miss F.J. Clark

The engagement is announced between John Desmond, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.P. McLaughlin, of Brackenhurst, Sandrway, Cheshire, and Jane, younger daughter of Mrs Anne Clark and the late Mr SJ. Clark, of Kensington, London,

The school will reassemble for

the Spring Term on Sunday, January 14. Sally Bourne and

Kirsty Youngman remain Head and Second Prefects with Lucy

Plant as Captain of Lacrosse.

The new sports complex, com-

pleted in December, will be opened officially on February

27, by the Right Honourable

Colin Moynihan, MP, Minister

Work has begun on the centre

Memorial services

Major-General C.M.M. Man

for the performing arts. The Development Appeal Fund now stands at £150,000. The en-Mr John Albert Briance trance and scholarship examina-tion will be held on January 25, and January 30, and the Sixth Form scholarship examination will be on February 23. Halfterm will be from Saturday, February 17, to Wednesday, February 21, and term will end on Saturday, March 24. Rev Halsey Colchester gave an

Major General G.L. Payne and Mrs A.G. Mitchell

The engagement is announce between George Payne and Georgina Mitchell. Their marriage will take place shortly in London.

Mr A.J. Shepherd-Barron and Miss J.M. Marlow

The engagement is announced between Andrew John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Shepherd-Barron, of The Mains of Geanies, Fearn, Ross-shire, and Joanna Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Marlow, of Richmond,

Mr J.N. Stermale

and Miss C.E. Atkinson The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hasler, of Westerham, Kent, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Valler of Santan, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur between Jonathon Neil, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Stannah, of Wimborne, Dorset, and Ceri Elen, daughter of Dr R.E. Atkinson, of Northallerton, West Yorkshire, and Mrs A. Atkinson, of Hexham, Northumberland.

and Miss K.L. Jeaves The engagement is announced between Peter Robert, the youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Tate, of Pinner, Middlesex, and

Karen Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Jeeves, of Mr S.C.S. Tatnall and Miss LMLF. Brewer

The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Tatnail, of Cheltenham, Glos, and Imogen Melanie Fleur, daughter of the late Sally and Clive Brower, of Maidenhead, Berks.

Mr J.A.J. Tyerman
and Miss C. Roy
The engagement is announced
between James, son of Dr
Maurice and Mrs Reas
Tyerman, of Watford, Herts,
and Catherine, daughter of Mr
John and Mrs Irene Roy, of
Harthill Lanarkshire.

and Miss R.J. Currie
The engagement is announced
between Philip Meredydd, third
son of the late Mr and Mrs Eric Holmes Warley, and Rothes Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Giles Currie, of Blackheath,

Mr G.J.A. Walters
and Fractice A.P. Schantel
The engagement is announced
between Gareth John Amor,
elder son of Mr and Mrs J.P.
Walters, of Otford, Kent, and
Anika Petra, daughter of Herr
and Frau G. Schnabel, of
Hamburg, W. Germany.

Mr R.E. Wood and Miss K.A. Chapman The engagement is announced between Robert Edward, son of Mr and Mrs John Wood, of Westwinds, Leathley, West Yorkshire, and Katherine Alexandra, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Chapman, of Falmouth, Cornwall.

Moreton Hall, Shropshire

A service of thanksgiving for the life Major-General Christopher Man was held yesterday in the Regimental Chapel of The Middlesex Regiment (DCO). St Paul's Cathedral. The Rev Patrick Tuft officiated and the Dean pronounced the blessing. Colonel A.M. Man, brother, read the lesson and Major-General David Lloyd Owen gave an address. Canon Peter Ball was robed and in the

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Albert Briance was held yesterday at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, The Rev Ian Robson officiated, The Hon Basil Kenworthy and Mr Ralph Miller read the lessons and the



keen wildfowler, and was indeed an excellent shot, in later veers he turned his attention to conservation, becoming a member of council and then chairman of the Lincolnshire Trust for

Born in Boston on July 30, 1903, Richard Edward Montagn Pilcher was educated at Shrewsbury winning a foundation scholarship in classics to St John's College, Cambridge. Here he changed to medicine attending these lectures but

preliminary examinations in classics. He trained at St Thomas's and took his FRCS in Edinburgh after being briefly in general practice with his father.

He was the first specialist surgeon in South Lincolnshire and probably the last of the true general surgeons who deal with everything from tonsils to toe nails. He was an orthopaedic surgeon who because of local needs went

outside his speciality. Much of his working life was spent at the London Road Hospital in Boston which was updated from a cottage hospital and rebuilt for his needs incorporating many of his

He was also involved in the inception of a single medical # section in the area, which was to become Pilgrim Hospital. When it was opened he was was made Consultant Surgeon Emeritus.

A keen lepidopterist, throughout his life he built up a collection of British moths and butterflies which has been accepted by the Natural History Museum.

His wife died in 1979. Two being obliged by the terms of daughters and a son survive the scholarship to take him.

He was sent to Germany in

1947 and until 1953 had a

bird's eye view of the tensions

of those years of the Cold War

DREW MIDDLETON Reporting 'hot' and 'cold' war in Europe

Drew Middleton, who died on ferred him to London in 1939. January 10 in New York at the The intention was that he age of 76, was a distinguished should cover sport, but the American newspaper correspondent, who was well-known and widely respected in this country and in Europe.

He covered the Second World War in Europe for The New York Times and afterwards served in Germany in the early, crucial years of the Cold War. Thereafter as The New York Times London correspondent he set the seal on a reputation for objective, yet sympathetic, reporting on British affairs and the British character, which he had demonstrated during the darkest hours of the war. His appointment as Honorary CBE in 1986 was an index of the esteem in which he was held in this country.

October 14, 1913, Drew Middleton attended Syracuse University and then worked for the Poughkeepsie Eagle News and the Poughkeepsie Evening Star, before going to Associated Press who trans- Germany.

up with Bunny Berigan

timing was fortuitous, and with the invasion of Poland this brief soon changed to that of war correpondent. His first encounter with the British character was arguing about sport in a pub off Oxford Street. When hostil-

ities began in earnest in 1940 he found himself in close contact with the men in charge of the higher direction of the war in some black moments for Britain. Churchill's unsparing frankness on such occasions helped to dispel the myth about the British character on which he had been nurtured: that the British never came out from behind a mask of reserve. Middleton joined The New

Born in New York on York Times in London in 1942, and continued to follow the fortunes of the Allied armies in North Africa, and Italy, and then, after the establishment of the Second Front, in Belgium and

which saw, among many other incidents, the Berlin airlift of 1949. From 1953 he was for 10 years in London, a period he enjoyed for the opportunity it gave him to forge informal links in this country, as well as to take tea at Buckingham Palace. After several more postings, in Paris, at the United Nations, and in Brussels, he

returned to the United States as the paper's military correspondent in 1970. He finally retired from The New York Times in 1984, though he continued to write articles. He was a prolific author.

among his many books were The Struggle for Germany (1949), The British (1957), Can America Win the Next War? (1975) and Crossroads of Modern War (1983). He married, in 1943, Estelle

Mansel-Edwards, of Dinas Powis, Glamorgan. She and a daughter survive him.

GEORGIE AULD

Georgie Auld, the volatile He joined Artie Shaw in Canadian saxophonist who 1938 and briefly led the group after Shaw disbanded it. In first caught the world's attention with the bands of Bunny 1940 he joined Benny Good-Berigan and Artie Shaw and man and the legendary Goodthen carved out a niche with man Sextet, playing alongside the Benny Goodman Sextet such jazz legends as Cootie has died aged 70 in California. Williams, Charlie Christian and Count Basie. He he taught himself to play the saxophone in his native

He served in the army in Toronto and began to enter-1943 and formed his own tain guests in the family band later that year. He saloon, earning a few dollars a formed a coterie of soloists that included Sarah Vaughan Convinced that he could Erroll Garner, Dizzy Gillespie carn a living as a musician, he and Billy Butterfield. formed a band in New York

By 1948, his style had when he was only 13 and then, changed dramatically and he while still in his teens, joined was performing what was New York

described as "brilliant and biting" solos with a 10-piece band he had formed in New York. He also first appeared as an actor at that time in a Broadway play, The Rat Race. He, of course, played the saxophonist in the story which was about a musician and a dance hall hostess. The Rat Race was later made into a movie starring Tony Curtis and Debbie Reynolds. Thirty years later be taught

Robert de Niro how who to hold and depress the keys on a saxophone and was also the principal soloist on a sound track of the film New York,

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Peter Waymark

• A new Screen Two season on BBC2 opens with Old Flames (10.15pm), a rum piece by Simon Gray about a barrister (Stephen Fry) being persecuted for his discreditable past. Produced by Kenith Trodd and directed by Christopher Morahan, the team that brought us Gray's After Pilkington, Old Flames is billed as a comedy. But anyone who knows Gray and his work will be warned. Though it contains many of the elements of farce (misunderstandings, mistaken identities, frantic chases) we are a long way from the world of Ray Cooney. Where we are is difficult to say without giving the game away. But the trigger is the apparently chance encounter at a miner match between the Four character. cricket match between the Fry character and an old school contemporary, played in flamboyant style by Simon Callow. There follows a hectic story of murder Services of the services of th and blackmail which has Fry scuttling about trying to preserve his name and his career and keep sweet with his wife who about to present him with twins. Miriam Margolyes provides delicious support as Callow's manipulating sister.



Stephen Fry and Hetty Buynes: as the harrhan and his wife (BBC2, 10.15pm)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

· Balanced argument, not always possible to achieve in the informal chats we have come to expect from Down Your Way (Radio 4, LW, 5.00pm), presents itself with almost planned precision in today's edition. Talking to a venerable Fort William inhabitant, the chirpy television presenter Muriel Gray, an otherwise well-informed Scot, puts down Sky Television as "not real television." Venerable inhabitant retaliates with his verdict that there isn't anything exciting on BBC Television. One all. End of match. Elsewhere tonight, Miss Gray shows more doggodness. Assured that a new ski development at Anock Mor is survive three snowless seasons, she none the less turns her face to the mountains and cries out: "Snow! Go on! Snow".

8.50 Favourite Walks (r)
9.15 Articles of Falls. Creeds and
Conflict (r)
9.30 This is the Day from the home of

Terry Waite's prother, David, in Oxfordshim 10.00 O'Donnes

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hivestigates . . . Booze (r) 10.25
Europeans. European attitudes to
environmental issues (r) 11.20
Spelling It Out (r) 11.30 Stepping
up to Word Power. For acutes with
reading and writing difficulties
11.55 Snapl Advice on photographing
the family (r) 12.05 See Heart
12.30 Country File. Swords into
Plaushshares. The first of a two-oal

Ploughshares. The first of a two-part report on why the Soviet Union is still failing to feed itself 12.58

Still taking to recommend weather

1.00 Norm with Chris Lowe. Followed by On the Record investigates the environmental issues of the 1990s, and Norman Tebbit replies to critics of his views on immigration 2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceelax)

critics of his views on immigration
2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: The Man from Snowy River
(1982) starring Kirk Douglas, Tom
Burlinson and Sigrid Thornton.
Australian adventure set in the late
19th-century about an orphan boy
who gets work on a ranch and is
caught up in a bitter family feud
between his employer and his
reclusive brother. Directed by
George Miller (Ceefax) 4.40 The
Filintstonea. Cartoon (r)
5.01 The Codine Show. Includes a
new collection by Bruca Otdfield
5.30 Antiques Roadshow. Hugh Scully
introduces today's roadshow from
Paignton, Devon. (Ceefax)
6.15 Lifeliae. The latest charity news
from Cliff Michelmone and Lynette
Lithgow, plus an appeal by Penny
Junor on behalf of the Friends for the
Young Deaf Trust.
1.31 How with Chits Lowe. Weather
6.46 Songs of Praise from Lincoln
Cathedral (Ceefax)
7.15 You Rang M'Lord? Upstairs,
downstairs carry-on as lvy gets to
grips with her duties as Lord
George Meldrum's madd. (Ceefax)
8.05 Bergerac: A True Detective. In
this first of a new series Jersey
policaman Jim Bergerac
investigates the discovery of a dead

policeman Jim Bergerac Jersey policeman Jim Bergerac Investigates the discovery of a dead body on the beach after an International Trade Fair Gala at the Rock Pool and finds it is linked to a 210 million fraud operation. Starring John Nettles. (Ceefax)

Starring John werdes, (Leenex)

8.00 Mastermind. Tonight's specialist subjects are: epic historical novels of James A. Michener; the history of Russia, 980-1613; mature operas of Donizotti, 1839-1845; and the life and work of Mary Wollstonecraft, 1753-1707 9.30 Thera Life! A new sories of the

tonsumer affairs programme

10.15 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather

10.20 Every same Hermon's Beat. In his first major interview since his retirement last May, Sir John Hermon recalls his 40-year career in the police force, the last nine as Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. He talks about the IRA Ulster's enteroched political Constability. He tems about the IRA, Ulster's entrenched political leaders and the RUC's controversial policies including shoot-to-kill and the banning of

Loyalist perades.

11.10 Dear John USA. Feeling at a low abb after the death of his turtle and the less of his job. John is persuaded into johning his fellow One-Two-Oners in their first

che-iwo-chers in their trast solrée. Starting Judd Hirsch 11.36 Clean Slate. A report on the contrasting emphasis other European countries give to teaching a foreign language to young children, compared to Britain (r) nine-part serial from India (Hindi with English subtities) (r)

BBC:1 (- TYLONDON - 3 6.00 TV-em begins with Good Morning

Moments presented by Uirlica Jonsson; 7.00 It's Standart. Jonsson; 7.00 it's Stardust.
Songs and stories about homes
introduced by Ahrin Stardust.
8.00 David Frost on Suaday. The
guests include Chris Patten,
Secretary of State for the
Environment. News at 8.00 and 9.00
9.25 The Dianey Citib Introduced by
Andree Boardings, John Socieston
and Gordon Inglis.
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10.45 Link. Rosalie William talks to photographer Mary Duffy, who was born without arms.
11.00 Morning Worship from the Salvation Army's City Temple, Newcastle upon Tyne
12.00 Encounter: Under the Secret Sc.
Tree. David Bellemy traces the story of Buddhism in Sri Lanka. 12.00
My Little Peny. Animated series (r)
12.46 Police 5 presented by Shaw Taylor.
12.55 LWT News and weather.
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather

1.00 News with Sue Carpentar. Weather
1.10 Eyewithess includes a report on
the decision to allow 250,000 Hong
Kong residents to live in Britain.
Norman Teoloit is hundringed
2.00 McCloud: Encounts With Arios,
starring Dennis Weaver. A wealthy
astrologer's wife is kidnapped,
and a bomb is primed to explode
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2.2. The Manch. Live coverage from Hillsborough of the Sheffield Wednesday v Chelsaa game. Brian Moore is the commentator

5.35 Bulleyre, Darts and general knowledge quiz game

6.06 Reacue: Baby Sam, A promature baby is in need of urgent attention from the Scottish rescue earn.

6.30 News and weather 6.36 LWT have and weather 6.36 LWT have and weather 6.36 LWT have and weather 7.15 With the Lucit. Kit and Renard return to La Creet to discover that Father Rex has been taken prisoner by the Germans. (Oracle) 8.16 The Two of Us. New series of the situation comedy. When Ashley discovers a portable telephone on his way home, he and Elaine suddenly find themselves involved in a world of crime. (Oracle) 8.45 Againe Claration & Poinot The Velled Lady. When Poinot and Hastings are summoned to a mysterious meeting with a tedy determined to keep her identity a

mysterious meeting with a lady date mined to keep her identity a secret, Poirot resolves to discover who is behind the veil. (Oracle) 9.44 News with Sue Carpenter.
Weather 16.00 LWT Weather.

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10.05 The New Startseman: Who Shot Alan B'Start? An investigation into the shooting of Britain's most popular MP. Politiciens and the public ask — Who? Why? How?

11.15 The Carpenter: Yesterday Occupion. As a tribute to Karen Carpenter, brother Richard has put together some of their most popular songs including We've Only Just Begun, Flainy Days and Mondays and On Top of the World.

World.

12.15am The Charl Show (r). Followed by News headlines

1.16 The Fugitive. Dossier on a Diplomat. Kimble goes to Washington to contact a lawyer who believes he was mistried. With David Janssen

(r)
2.15 Pick of the Week. The bast of regional television.
2.45 The Comedy Store. Chris Terrant introduces the best of Britain's attenuative comedians from London's terrous Cornedy Store.
3.60 Nescer. Stock-cer racing.
4.00 The Bis. Road. The Horseinen of Turkey. An in-depth look at the five

of nomadic horsemen living in Turkey. ILOO (TN Morning News. Gnds at \$.00 (BBC 2

7.30 Playdays (r) 7.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) 7.55 Teddy Bears' Picnic Animand adventure 8.30 Hallo Spanoar 8.45 Smoggles (r) 9.18 Corners (r) 9.40 Thundercats (r) 8.55 Blus Peter (r) 10.45 Not the End of the World, Final

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12.00 Westernater Week Interviews Sir Geoffrey Howe 1.00 Animation Now
1.05 Training Dogs the Woodhouses
Way (r) 1.30 40 Minutes: A Place for Tom (r). (Ceefax) 2.10
Reportings Update
3.00 Film: Senso (1954) starring Alida Valil. Nineteenth-century metodrama set on the eve of the people's attempt to overthrow Austria's occupation of Venice. In Italian with English subtitles. Directed by Luchlino Visconti
1.00 Rugby Special, Leicester V Gloucester and Neath v Llanelli
1.00 Ski Sunday from Garmisch-Pertunkirchen
1.315 The Money Programme incluries a

Canaday from GarmischPartenkirchen

6.35 The Money Programme includes a report on Hungary, the Eastern bloc country nearest to adopting capitalist solutions for its depressed aconomy

7.15 The Netural World. Erin... Through the Mists of Time. Examining Ireland's historical and mythological past by exploring the landscape. (Ceefax)

8.05 Architecta' Choles (r)

8.15 Ranel. Canadian documentary profiting the life and work of the great French composer Maurice Ravel

10.15 Screen Two Old Flags.

(Ceefax) (see Choice)

11.40 Rapido (r)

12.10cam Stub TV. Highlights of the last series (r). Ends at 12.45

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Hallahright 6.30 Country Ways. The Hoo Peninsula (r) 7.00 Australish Beautiful Gardens (r) 7.30 Box Office Weekly 6.00 The Multers. Animated adventures 8.30 Boy Dominic. Episode 10 (r) 9.00

Dennis

8.25 Orientations visits the Yehudi
Menuhin Music School in Surrey
10.00 A Week in Politics

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11.00 Pob's Programme (r) 11.30 The
Henderson Kids 12.00 The Waltons
1.00 Land of the Glanta
2.00 Opera on 4: The Prying
Dutchmen. Wagner's opera
performed by the Savonlinna
Opera Festival Orchestra and Chorus
conducted by Lelf Segerstam.
4.30 Film: The Pägrim (1923, b/w)
starring Charlie Chaplin as an
escaped convict who disguises
himself as a clergyman. Directed by
Charlie Chaplin 5.20 The Frog,
the Dog and the Devil. An animated
warning against the demon drink

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5.25 News summary and weather.
5.20 Adventurous Eves. The
sportswomen of the 1920s
6.30 The Wooder Years. American

comedy series 7.00 Fragile Earth: After Their Blood. The plight of snakes in southern Thailand. (Oracle)

5.00 Tales of Faith and Force. Two music-theatre works performed by the Little Angel Marionette

Theatre

1.45 American Footcal. Highlights of the Cleveland Browns v Denver Broncos followed by tive coverage of the LA Rams against the San Francisco 49ers

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SKY ONE

6.50mm The Hour of Power 7.50 Fun Factory 11.00 The Hour of Power 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm That's Incredible 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling '89 3.00 Incredible Hulk 4.00 Emergency 5.00 Eight is Enough 6.00 Family Ties 7.00 21 Jump Street 4.00 Captains and The Kings 10.00 Entertainment This Week 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Big Valley

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

5.00am Sky News 5.30 The Best of Target 6.30 The Unesco Report 7.30 Those Were the Days 8.30 Our World 9.30 The Reporters 10.30 The Unesco Report 11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30 cm The Editors 1.30 Those Were the Days 2.30 Editors 1.30 Those Were the Days 2.30
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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00mm The Satalitie Stop
2.00mm Carry On Ocetor (1968): Medics
rece to develop a weight-reduction formula
4.00 Firelas (1988): Walter Mattheu as a
crusty, peg-legged pirate who sails the seas
causing chaos
6.00 Archer (1981): A young man (Brett
Climo) rides his horse more than 600 miles
to enter the Melbourne Cup
7.49 Projector: Forthcoming movies on
Sky

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8.90 Little Shop of Horrore (1986):
Musical comedy about a man-eating plant
10.00 The Seven Year Itch (1955):
Starring Manilyn Monroe
12.00 The Seven (1983): Barbara
Hershey is menaced by a ghostly appartition
2.00 The Code of Seance (1985): Chuck
Norris as a cop who testifies against a fellow
officer, is shunned by his former
colleagues, and tackles Chicago's drug
barrors single-handed

A.00 Enemy Wine (1985): Two pilots, one human (Dennis Quaid), one alien (Louis Gosset, jun.), are stranded on a hostile and barren planet. Ends at 5.30am

EUROSPORT

Factory 9.00 Menu 9.30 Skiing 10.30 Beaterbal: Harren Globerrotters 11.30 Skiing 1.00pm Rugby League: Final of the Regal Trophy 2.00 Basketball 1989 3.00 World Gymnastics Championships 4.00 Three-Cushion Billiards World Cup 5.00 Skiing 8.00 Ninth Annual Veronica Beach Races 7.00 European Basketball 8.00 Football 10.00 Paris-Dakar Rafly 10.15 Skiing 11.15 Three-Cushion Billiards World Cup 12.15cm Paris-Dakar Rafly

6.00em Ray Cokes 16.30 The Big Picture 11.00 European Top 20 12.30pm Marcel Vanthit 8.00 Cassics 5.00 Kristiane Backer 10.30 XPO 11.30 Videos

SCREENSPORT

12.30am Diving 1.00 US Pro Ski Tour
1.30 College Football 3.30 Motorsport
4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Basketball
7.30 Ice Skating 8.30 Basketball 10.00
NFL American Football 12.00 Spanish
Soccer 1.45pm Ice Skating 2.30 Golf 4.00
Skiing 4.30 College Basketball 6.00 Ice
Hockey 6.00 Review of '89: World Rally
Championships 6.00 1990 Polo World
6.30 Boxing 11.00 College Football

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RADIO 1

PM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30 cm until 12.20 cm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 cm on the project Breakfast Show with Liz Korshaw 6.30 Drive Lee Travis 12.30 cm with the week's Top 20 charts of 1959, 1954 and 1955 3.00 scruples II presented by 2.00 Scriples II presented by Simon Mayo 2.30 Philip Schofield 5.00 Top 40 with Brumo Brookes 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 8.00 Andy Ketshaw 11.00-2.00mm Bob Harris on Sunday

6.55am Weather and News Headines

Headlines
7.00 Journeys and Places:
Vauchen Williams (in the
Fen Country: New
Philharmonic Orchestra
under Adrian Boult);
Tchalitovsky (Capriccio
italien: Dallas SO under
Eduardo Mata)
7.20 News

6 Helfetz and Friends: The second of six programmes. Dvofák (Plano Trio in Fminor: with Gregor Platigorsky, cello, Leonard Pernario, plano); Arthur Benjamin (Romantic tantasy for violin, viols and orchestra: FICA Victor Orchestra under Izier Solomo)

8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Haydn
(Symphony No 35 in B flet:
L'Estro Armonico under

Derek Solomona);
Mercadante (Concerto in D:
ECO under Jean-Pierre
Rampal); Beethoven
(Sonata in C, Op 2 No 3:
Daniel Barenbolm, piano);
Rossini (String Sonata No 2
in A: I Musici); Mozart
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(Coronation Mass: Bevarian RSO under Eugen Jochum; Bavarian Radio Chorus,

with Edda Moser, soprano, Julia Harnari, mezzo-

Oliver, Turn of the Decades

Not Yet Landed - The legacy of Erik Satie is discussed by Christopher Hobbs. Extending the Cantorial Tradition - The

career of Salomon Suizer

Edward Downes, with Pascal Devoyon, piano, performs Dvořák (Scherzo

hend, and orchestra); Sibelius (Symphony No 7 In

piano, György Pauk, violin, Ralph Kirshbaum, callo, perform Piano Trio in E flat, D 929

5 Mary, Queen of Scots: Emma Kirkby, soprano, Anthony Rooley, lufe, perform a programme of works recalling her French upbringing and her time in Scotland. With music of Scottleth origins and works by Sermisy and Byrd, finishing with a commemorative lament by Giacomo Carlssimi (r)

(d. January 17, 1890) is reflected on by Ell Abt 11.15 BBC Philharmonic under

capriccioso): Ravel (Concerto for piano, left

12.15 Schubert: Peter Frankl.

1.15 Mary, Queen of Scots:

soprano, Nicolai Gedda, tarior) 10.30 Music Weekly with Michael

7.30 News 7.45 Helletz and Friends: The

RADIO 2

Course David Bussey 8.00
Graham Kright 7.30 Good Morning
Sunday 8.05 Melodies for You
11.00 Your Radio 2 All-Time
Greats 2.00pms Benny Green
3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Black
Magic 4.30 Sing Something
Simple 5.00 Churie Chester 7.00
Gorham and Swift 7.30 Dennia
O'Nell 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour
0.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes
10.05 Songs from the Shows
10.45 Angele Brownridge
V1.00 Sounds of 1222 1.00mm
Night Music

2.00 Rubinstein on Record: Graham Sheffield introduced the first of 12 programmes. Amon Rubinstein (Valse caprice in E flat); Chopin (Scherzo No 2 in B flat migos Modurnes in G. Op

minor, Nocturnes: in G, Op 37 No 2; in C minor, Op 48 No 1); Brahms (Plano Concerto No 2 in B flat ~

first movement, excerpta: LSO under Albert Costes; Plano Concerto No 1 in D minor; Chicago SO under

minor: Cheago SO under Fritz Reiner); Alberitz (Evocacion; Navarra) (r) 3.30 Moscow String Quartet, with Evguenia Alikhanova, violin, Valentina Alykova, violin, Tatiana Kolchanovakala, viola, Olga Ogranovitch, cello, performs Tchalkovky (Quartet No 3 in E flat minor. On 3 in Schmittike

minor, Op 30); Schnittke (Canon in memoriem

Stravinsky)
4.20 Hohenems Schubertiade
1989: Robert Holl, bass,
Konrad Richter, plano,
perform the second in a
series of Schubert song
recitals, with programmes

arranged by opus number 6.15 Berio in the Labyrinth:

Luigi Boccherni, 1975; Ritorno degli snovidenia, 1976, for cello and

movement of Berlo's

shroners or serio's
Sintonia, 440 Sintonia,
1968/81, for eight amplified
voices and orchestra
9.30 R.X. Richter: The Salomon
String Quartet performs
Quartets: No 1 in C; No 3 in

19.05 Third Ear: Robert Hewison chairs a discussion on a

chairs a discussion on a current issue (r)

10.30 Choral Evensong: Recorded in Lichfield Cathedral

11.30 Csabe Erdelyl, viola, performs Bach (Chaconne, from Partita, BWV 1004); Hindemith (Sonata for Viola solo, Op 25 No 1) (r)

Luciano Berio

Stravinsky)

RADIO 3

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am German Feetures 5.25 News in Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Nachrichten German: Headlines in English and French 4.40 German Setures 5.00 News 5.00 Feetures 5.00 News 5.00 Feetures 5.00 News 7.00 News 7.00 24 Hours: News 6.40 German Feetures 7.54 Nachrichten Neutron 7.00 News 7.00 News 7.00 News 8.00 News 8.00 Personal View 8.25 Words of Set 8.00 News 8.00 Personal View 8.25 Words of Set 8.00 News 8.00 Personal View 8.25 Words of Set 8.00 News 8.00 Personal View 8.25 Words of Set 8.00 News 8.00 Personal View 8.25 Words of Set 8.00 News 8.00 Personal View 8.25 Words of Set 8.00 News 8.00 News 8.00 Personal View 8.25 News 9.00 News 9.0

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RADIO 4

LW Stereo on FM 5.55 mm Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude with Marjorle Lofthouse (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7:10 Sunday Papers 7.18 On Your Farm: Oliver Waiston visits an estate in southern Germany and takes breakfast with David and Caterina Mynett (r) 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Appeal by Roy Lancaster on behalf of the Tradescant Trust 8.55 Weather Trust 8.55 Weather

Lawley with disc jockey
John Peel (s) 12.55
Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend
with Gordon Clough 1.55
Chickles Forester

Written and presented by Graham Fawcett and 7.15 Berlundio: Music by Boccharini, Mahler and Purcell heraids this evening's concert at the Barbican 7.30 Berio at the Barbican (new Berio at the Barbican (new series): The commencement of the BBC's four-day testival of music by the Italian composer, marking-his 65th birthday year. BBC Symphony Orchestra under Luciano Berio performs Quattro versioni originali della "Ritirata di Madrid" di ulai Brochetini. 1975:

the chair 2.30 Classic Serial: Jim Davis, by John Masefield. The second episode of a four-part dramatization by Ray dramatization by Pay Herman (s) (r)

3.30 The Trade Rag: Nick Baker examines the pages of four trade magazines. 2: What Toy? (s) (r)

4.00 News; Gerontius: Part 1: Unfinished Business. Two-party story of Elgar's 1923 journey across the Atlantic and up the Amazon to orchestre; Corele, 1981, for violin solo, two home and strings 8.20 Jeremy Baselle considers the third

> Michael Hordern as Sir Edward Elgar (s) (r) 4.47 Fragile Paradise: Andrew Mitchell finds an enigmatic iguana on Fiji as he continues his inverted iguana on rip as ne continues his journey across the Pacific, exploring the fragile balance of nature maintained on its islands (r)

Trust 8.55 Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by
Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St
Mary's Church, Swansea.
Led by Canon Don Lewis (s)
10.15 The Archers omnibus

edition 11.15 News Stand with Martin Wainwright
11.30 Pick of the Week with
Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15pen Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley with disc iorden

Shipping Forecast

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Listeners' gardening problems are answered by Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Daphne Ledward. With Clay Jones in the chair.

and up the Amazon to Manaos as fictionalized in James Hamilton-Patterson's novel Gerontius. With 6.00 News; Down Your Way (see Choice) 5.40 Letter From The Sticks: Part 2 Youth. David Bean relays 2: Youth, David Bean relays four personal reports on contamporary rural life 5.50 Shipping Fonacest 5.50 Weather 6.15 Feedback: Chris Duniday airs Esteners' and viewers' comments on BBC reversimes and opicy (f)

comments on BBC programmes and policy (r)

6.30 The Root Of The Matter: Haig Gordon gives an analysis of key issues from around Britain

7.00 Cat's Whitekers: Presented by Andy Crane (s)

7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde in porwersation with biographer Michael Holroyd, and the month's paperbacks are reviewed by

paperbacks are reviewed by 8.00 The Situatoral Mystery: Part 2: An Arnest for Munder. Five-part dramatization of Agethe Christie's novel (a)

Agethe Christie's novel (s)
(r)

2.30 Saying the Word: Profile of
Fr George Seinthbury, a
return Catholic priest who
in a long fife has been actor,
schoolmaner, botter,
organist, choirmaster and
policeman (s) (r)

2.00 News: Enquire Within: Dily
Sistow viets the Orofileich
ratio transmitter (r)

7.16 Natural History
Frognamme: Jessies Holm
and Fargus Keeing raport
on music for locust plagues
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10.15 Pilters of Society: Hunter Davies explores the world of the soccer referee (r) 11.00 Deer One: An insight into a Victorian courtship, revealed inrough commonportry letters. Read by Miriam Margolyes and Stephen Boxer (r)

11.30 Seeds of Faith: Part 2: Actor wightning Feat. Grace

Acknowledging Fear. Grace Sheppard reflects on the experience of fear and mem consultant psychiatrist John Roberts 12.00-12.30mm News, incl 12.33 Wasther 12.33 Shipping Forscast FAIL as LAW except 1.55-2.0pm Programme News 4.00-8.00 Options: 4.00 Community Matters 4.30 Learning to Listen 5.00 Get By in Russian 5.30 Buongiorno Italia!

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SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

Heat on the Hong Kong beat

TELEVISION FROMES

Peter Waymark

◆ Like ITV's previous Saturday might crime offering, Saracen, Yellowth Street (9.30pm) seems to have been designed to appeal to the audience's sense of the familiar. Seasoned television watchers will quickly recognize elements from other series, from The Sweeney (cops on the ground in conflict with their desk-bound boss) to Dempsey and Makepeace (male and female cop in tandem), while the macho ethos of meeting violence with more violence is borrowed not only from these but a raft of American shows. Tonight's episode even makes use of those trusted old stand-bys, the car chase and the climactic



Two of the detectives: Mark McGann and Catherine Neilson (ITV, 9.30pm)

shoot-out. Yellowthread Street's chief claim to novelty is its Hong Kong setting. Based on the books of a former Hong Kong journalist, William Mar-shall, the series was made entirely on location and features a task force of six detectives (British, Australian and Chinese), led by a chief inspector. There is obvious potential here for getting under the local skin and this may yet happen, particularly when the Chinese members of the force are given their head in future episodes. Meanwhile, tonight's offering is a disappointingly conventional, and perfunctorily plotted, tale of drug smuggling and extortion in which the fearless Brits are pitted against a cliché oriental villain with a shaven head and a nasty snarl. Yellowthread Street was made by Yorkshire Television, whose director of programmes, John Fairley, describes it as "the thinking man's cop show". On this evidence it seems unlikely that the thinking will need to be profound.

Channel 4 launches its ambitious Soviet Spring season of more than 50 documentaries and feature films about the Soviet Union with Tony Palmer's Testimony (9.00pm), a study of Dmitri Shostakovich. Though the film contains ample examples of Shostakovich's music, its main focus is on the composer's troubled relationship with the Stalin regime. David Rudkin's screenplay, which draws on Shostakovich's controversial memoirs, examines the plight of an artist in a totalitarian society and looks at the extent to which Shostakovich had to betray himself and his friends in order to survive. Ben Kingsley, an actor with that rare gift of immersing himself so far in a part as to become unrecognizable, plays Shostakovich, with Terence Rigby as Stalin.

(BBC1

7.30 Sets day Stants Hamil presented by Wayne Jackman and lan Tregonning, begins with Playdays (*) 7.33 Laures and March, Cartoon (r) 8.00 Mersey Tales. Roy Apps's Gert and Lil Do it Themselves is told by Bill Butler 8.05 The New Adventuers of Mighty Mosse. 8.20 Chuckde Vision. There is chack when the Chuckle Brothers — Paul and Barry — help out at a supermurket 1.35 The days in The Time Capsule (f)

Grown Lived with Philip Scholistic and Sarah Greene. They are joined by special guests Terence Trent D'Arby and Deacon Stue. There is

by special guests Terence Trent
D'Arby and Deecon Blue. There is
also a discussion on foothel ID
cards and Philip Hodson with his
teenage problems advice 12.12
Weather

12.15 Grants and introduced by Bob
Witson. The line-up is (subject to
alteration): Skilling from Germisch.
The men's downhill championship;
12.40 and 1.10 Boxing from
Dewaber Sports Center, Leeds
featuring forms Environ americal
international Henry Witarton; 12.50
News; 12.55, 1.30 and 2.00
Racing from Ascot and
Leopardistown. The 1.00, 1.25
and 2.05 races from Ascot and the
2.20 (Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle)
from Leopardistown; 1.40 and 2.40
lee Hockey from Kirkcaldy: Fife
Flyers v Cardiff Devils; 2.55 and
3.50 Rugby Leegus from
Headingley: the Regal Trophy Final
between Wigan and Halifax; 3.40
Football half-times; 4.40 Final Score
15 News with Chris Lowe. Weather
15 Regional news and sport

Football half-times; 4.40 Final Score
5.15 News with Chris Lowe. Weather
5.15 Regional news and sport
5.20 The Flying Doctors. No Quarter
Asked. After five years of travelling
the world Jessle Logan, suffering
from multiple sclerosis, returns home
to Cooper Cross, to find that
George Baxter has taken over pert of
her land. Despite the strain of her
illness she begins a bitter struggle to
get it back. Stars Catherine Wilkin
and Liz Burch. (Ceefax)

6.05 Jim'il Fix It. Jimmy Savile fixes it tor more children — and sometimes adults — to have their di sams come trus. (Cestax)

6.40 Bob's Full Homes. Bob Monkhouse hoets another round of the big board bingo quiz game. (Cestax)

(Ceatax)
7.15 The Paul Deniels Magic Show.
Paul is joined by special guests the
Bubble Man from Switzerland, Mario Cavatti, and the Hoole Hoop Queen from Las Vegas, Diane Batchelor, for baffling and bizarre feuts that live a buch of magic. (Castan)

Merseyside squad is called in when an armed gang takes over a dockand warehouse, lokowing the successful hijack of a chemical tanker and a comtainer of biologically cultured "bugs". With John Ashton, Brian McCardie, Philip Middlemss and Denis Lill. (Ceefan)

8.50 News with Martyn Lewis. Sport

9.10 Midnight Coller. KCJM's ex-cop turned late-night radio talk-show host Jack Killian finds that he is labelled a murderer and threatened with trouble. It's because he signed as a cld friend to so on the signed to so allows an old friend to go on the air and talk about his agentzing decision to have the life-support machine keeping his commissed young son alive turned off. Stars Gary Cole, Bruce Weitz and Peter lursell. Jurasik. (Ceefax)

19.00 Dave Afien. The old props are in place, with the return of Dave Allen and his very blunt — and scorenings blue — observations of

everyday life and people's habits.

10.20 Fam: The Beautimade (1962),
starring Marc Singer, Rip Torn and
Tanya Roberts. Magical famasy
set in prehistoric times about a baby prince who is kidnapped by a witch, but rescued by pessants who bring him up and teach him martial arts and how to communicate with animals. When their village is with animals. When their village is destroyed, he sets out to revenge the

destroyed, he sets out to revenge to whichcraft of the evil high priest behind it all. Directed by Don Coscaretti. (Ceefax)

12 Again. Award-winning American singer/songwriter Certy Simon in a rare concert appearance, performing some of her recent songs and old hits (r)

8.00 TV-em begins with News and It's Surdust. Songs, stories and poems about dinosaurs introduced by Alvin Starctust (r); 7,30 WAC 90 with Michaela Strachan and Tommy

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Boyd.

2.25 Notormouth 2 begins with an episode of The Real Ghostbusters. Later, America's latest Later, America's latest
"supergroup", New Kids on the
Block, pay a visit while pop duo
Yell, tipped to be the Wham! of the
90s, are live in the studio.

11.20 The ITV Chart Snew. The Vintage
Video stot is filled by the Cure
12.30 The Blumbers Today. Designing
Munaters. Lifty announces that she
best designed to set in the set.

has decided to get a job as a fashion designer and Herman is not pleased at the prospect of doing

the housework 1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 1.05 LW7 Mess and

weather

1. to Saint and Grammie. Iou St. John
and Jimmy Greaves with a round-up
of the day's football action

1.40 Sportsmasters. Dickie Davice
invites three more contestants to test their sporting knowledge.

2.16 Coronation Street, Orranbus edition of Wednesday and Friday's

edition of Wednesday and Friciay's apisodes (f)

3.05 Snooker: Nercantile Credit Classic. Live coverage of the first session of the finel introduced by Tony Francis. The commentators are John Pulman, Rex Williams, Mark Widman and Jim Meadowcroft.

4.5 Resetts Service with Etton Welsby 5.00 News and whather 5.15 Baywatch. In Deep. The first of a new series about Los Angeles lifeguards. Young Hobie, son of Baywatch's Mitch Buchanan, has been hunging out with two recidess youths who are implicated in a jet-ski accident. Starring Devid Hussehoff, Parlear Stevenson and Brandon Call

Hassehoff, Parker
Brandon Call

6.10 Bland Date. Calls Bland offers two
more consentants the chance to meet
their dream dates, and discovers
how last week's couples fared
romantically. (Oracle)

7.80 Film: For Your Syea Only (1981),
starring Roger Moore, Carole
Bouquet and Topol. James Bond
balles the Soviets in a bid to stop
them recovering the system them recovering the system which controls Britain's Polaris submarines from a strip socidentally sunk off the Greek coast. Directed by John Sten 0.25 Yelcontared Stees (see Choice) 10.25 Novre with Sue Carpenter.

Washer 10.40 LWT Weather
10.45 Incolor: Manzarde Credit
Classic. Tony Francis introduces the
live frames of this £300,000

tournament from Blackpool.
Followed by News headlines
12.30 am Farr The Hung of The
(1959), starring Gary Cooper, George
C. Scott and Maria Schell. A C. Scott and Maria Scheft. A
doctor with an unhappy past drifts
from town to town, and eventually
sets up his practice in Skull Creek, a
wild Montana gold mining camp.
But the local phoney taltin-healer is not
happy about his loss of business.
Directed by Delmer Deves. Followed
by News headinss
2.15 American College Football
festuring the game between Baylor
and Georgia.
4.15 The Hain and Her. Michaela
Strachan and Pete Waterman and the

Strechan and Pete Waterman and the latest club sounds. 5.00 ITH Morning News with Richard Beth. Ends at \$.00



Roger Moore and Cassundra Harris: star in For Your Eyes Only (ITV, 7.00pm) 9.00 Open University
19.55 First The Legend of Walks Far
Woman (1982) starring Requel
Welch. A young Blackfoot Indian
woman kills the man who murdered

woman kills the man who murdered har husband and is forced to leave her tribe. Directed by Mel Darnski. 12.55 Animation Now (f)

1.10 in the Pest. Philatelists talk about their collections (f) 1.35 Training Dogs the Woodhouse Way. The Advance, Stand, Sit and Down (f)

2.00 Shrikant. Episode two of the ninepart serial based on Sarat Chandra Chatterjee's semi-autobiographical novel. (Hindi with English subtitles) (r)

2.40 Firm Waterloo (1970) starring Rod Steiger, Christopher Plummer and Orson Welles. Historical drama about the events leading up to the battle of Waterloo in 1815. Directed by Sergel Bondarchuk. (Ceefax)

Directed by Sergei Bonderchuk.
(Ceefax)

4.45 Embassy World Professional
Darts Championship. The final of the
1990 Embassy World
Professional Darts Championship

6.30 Murder in a Flet (b/w). An RKO
short. (This programme will not be
shown if the darts overruns).

6.43 NewsView with Laurie Mayer and
Chris Lowe. Weather

7.30 Rhythms of the World. Jai été au
Bal. Continuing the series which
looks at different syles of music
around the world, tonight's
programme focuses on the rich programme focuses on the rich traditions of Cajun and Zydeco music to be found in the beart of south-

tractators of captin and 2/deco missic to be found in the heart of southwell Louisiana.

Making Out. Episode to of the eight-part comedy drama and Sally is targethed as Rex's plans of voluntary retirement continue (r). (Ceefax)

3.40 The Film Club. Writer Kim Newman introduces two films by the master of Italian horror, Mario Bava, beginning with The Mask of Sattin (1960 b/w), starring Barbara Steele, John Pichardson and Andrea Checchi. Adaptation of a Gogo! story about a doctor who accidentally cuts himself over the tomb of a 17th-century princess who was burned as a witch. When his blood brings her back to life, she tracks down her identical-looking descendant and embarks on a murderous plan of revenge. murderous plan of revenge.

Followed by
11.06 Film: Lisa and the Devil (1972),
starring Telly Savalas, Elike Sommer
and Alida Valli. Three girls decide to book with a roadside house when their car breaks down on holiday. One of the girls, however, turns out to be identical to the landlady's son's unfaithful wife, which entices

son a chiareth whe, which enjoys
her into a murderous ritual of
revenge upon the strangers
tem World Darm. Highlights of the
final of the Embassy World
Professional Championship.
Ends at 1.40

6.60 Durrell in Russia. Gerald and Lee Durrell visit the Oka reserve (r) 6.30 Just 4 Fun 7.00 Once upon a

Just 4 Fun 7.00 Once upon a Time_Life. Animated adventures set inside the human body.
7.30 International Times — World News 8.00 Transworld Sport
9.60 Charmel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing with the stars of the 1930s and 1940s
9.30 Listening Eye looks at the work of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf (r) Deaf (r) 10.00 To the End of the Rhine. Bernard

Levin continues his journey along the Rhine and attends a performance of Mozart's The Magic Fute on the floating stage at Bregenz (r)

10.30 Film: Days of Thrills and Laughter (1961 b/w). A compliation of clips from silent cinems successes Whiten conducted and

Laughter (1961 b/w). A compliation of clips from silent cinems successes Written, produced and directed by Robert Youngson.

12-30 Pete Smith Specialities: I Love lify Husbend, But (1946, b/w), directed by David Barclay

12-30 Dence with Me

1.00 On a Wing and a Prayer. The story of Aden Wickes and Amold Cohen's safari by microlight aircraft across the Great Barrier Reef

2.00 Film: San Ferry Ann (1965, b/w). A comedy without dialogue about British holiday-makers in France, Directed by Jeremy Summers.

3.00 Film: The Great Caruso (1950). Semi-fictional biography of the Italian tenor, Enrico Caruso, played and sung by Mario Lanza. Directed by Richard Thorpe

5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r)

6.00 Right To Repty examines the decision by C4 to screen two controversial short modern operas last Seturday

2.15 Europe Expenses. Four ingrealists

7.00 The World The West
7.15 Europe Express. Four journalists
— in Vienna, Paris, Berlin and Rome
— chart the changes taking place
in Europe. Followed by Weether.
8.00 Conquer the Arctic for the GoreTex Trophy. Second of the two-part
challenge in which sporting
prowess is tested by day and survival
skills tested by right
9.00 Soviet Spring: Film: Testimony
(1987) (see Choice)
11.56 Soviet Spring: Harder in
Ostantino Precinct. The awardwinning First Tuesday team
presents a real life Gorky Park. It is a
case for the Moscow murder
squad when a woman is found deed

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squad when a woman is found deed in a seedy apartment (r)

12.55 an Soviet Doing Compectov's
Asylums. David Cohen's Dispatches
report on the changes glasnost
has brought to the Soviet Union's
psychiatric system (r)

1.40 Pastoral. Bulgarian animation

1.50 Resette Arrosée. Surreal
spirection from Erance. Engle et 3.06

animation from France. Ends at 2.06

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America's Top Ten

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NETWORK 2 Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Strangers 6.39 Sull Than 6.50 Partied Strangers 6.39 Sull Than 6.55 Auscht 7.00 Repido 7.30 Tracey Ultimen 6.00 Soviets Make or Break 8.66 Phr.: Mattese Felcon' (Humphrey Bogart, Peter Lorre) 10.30 Winterer Became O'L. 11.40 Classdown.

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SKY NEWS

News on the Hour.
5.00am Sky News 5.30 Beyond 2000
6.30 The Unesco Report — The Seti Project
7.30 Earthfile 3.30 Frank Bough 9.30
The Reporters 10.30 Motor Sports News
11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30pm Fashion
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Entertainment This Week 3.30 The
Reporters 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Satellite Shop 2.00pm The Boy Who Could Fly (1988): The relationship between an autistic orphi (Jay Underwood) and his new neighbour

(Lucy Deakins) 3.45 It's a Wonderful Life (1946): James (Licy Deakins)
3.45 It's a Wonderful Life (1946): James
Stewart as a small-town American, shown
by his guardian angel how life would
have been different if he had never existed
6.00 Eddie and the Cruisers (1983):
Tale of a Sixtles bend which broke up on the
death of the lead singer Eddie Wilson.
But is Eddie really dead?
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Sheg (1988): in the Sixtles, a brideto-be (Phoebe Cates) sets out with inlends
for a last weekend vacation
8.40 UK Top 10
10.00 First Blood (1982): Sixtring
Sylvester Stalione
11.45 Aliens (1986): In this sequel to
Alien, Sigourney Weaver returns with a team
of US Marines to wipe out the aliens who
have taken over a space colony
2.00am The Boston Strangler:

2.00am The Boston Strangier:
Documentary-drama about the serial littler who terrorized Boston in the sarly States. With Tony Curtis, Henry Fonda and

George Kennedy
4.00 Target (1985): Gene Hackman and
Matt Dilton as father and son, involved in a
world of espionage. Ends at 5.55am

EUROSPORT

6.00 mm Countdown 7.00 Fun Factory
9.00 Menu 9.20 Tennis Legends: lile
Nastase v Anderes Gimeno 10.00 Ford
Ski Report 11.00 World Cup Skiing 12.00
Commonwealth Cycling Classic 1.00pm
On The Hoof 2.00 Best of the Year —
Tennis: Ivan Lendl v Milioslav Mecir 2.00
Havoc 9 4.00 Three-Cushion Billiards World
Cup 5.00 Trans World Sport 6.00 Skiing
7.00 Basketheit: Harlem Globetrotters 8.00
Football 10.00 Paris-Dakar Raily 10.15
Skiing 11.15 Three-Cushion Billiards World
Cup 12.13aan Paris-Dakar Raily

C.00cm Club MTV 6.30 Non-Stop Puro Pop 9.30 US Top 20 Countdown 11.00 Yol 11.30 Marcel and Ray 5.00pm The Big Picture 5.30 Melissa Etheridge 6.00 Kristiane Backer 8.30 Club MTV 2.00 Party Zone 11.00 Erotica 12.00 Malken Wato 2.00cm Videos

SCREENSPORT

1.30am College Basketbell 2.30
Review of 1989: World Sports Car
Championships 3.30 Rugby League
5.00 College Football 7.00 American
Football 9.00 Review 88: World Reliy
Championships 10.00 Ice Hockey 12.00
College Football 2.00pm Review of 89:
Nascar Season 4.00 Spain Spain Sport
4.15 Spanish Soccer 6.00 US Pro Ski
Tour 6.30 Powersports 7.30 NFL American (1)
Football 9.30 College Basketball

LIFESTYLE 12.00 Space Patrol 12.30pm Car 54, Where Are You? 1.00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 Make Room for Daddy 2.00 Rodeo

3.00 GLOW 4.00 The Edge of Night

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The return of a balladeer

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

● The Saturday Feature (Radio 4, 10.15pm) is a jackie-jumper of a series. You never know where it is going to end up next and, because of its unpredictable nature, it is one of the best reasons I know for not feeling sorry for yourself when there is nothing worth watching on television. It could run (and skip, and jump) for ever, and I hope it does. It even makes the process of exhumation pleasurable. In Oh, No, We Never Mention Her!, Fritz Spiegl, a serious musicologist who can't stay serious for long, digs up (successful) and dramatist tenor dispensing Bayly sentiments about the sunshine of throw bouquets and/or brickrocked in a rose when the a formidable defence system nightingale sings. Emanci- for intercepting missiles if pated women should erect a they are haphazardly launched shrine to him. In Downing at him.



WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16 MANGAL (a) A kind of Turkish brazier or portable fire, from the Turkish mangal: "Another room in the Pal-ace: in the midst a mangal with fire barning."

FEMERELL. (4) A issuers or inverse in the roof or ceiling of a medieval kitchen or hall, in lieu of a chimney to let the smoke out, from the Latin fumarium, fumat smoke: "The inside of the femerell was as richly decorated as the rest of the roof."



Spiegl (Radio 4, 10.15pm)

Street perhaps. He wrote (atbeit in a letter): "Raised from household and culinary cares, females shall interfere in state Thomas Haynes Bayly, forgot- affairs . . . and overawe surten 19th-century ballad writer rounding states with politics (successful) and dramatist and law."

(failed). Few Victorian soirées A reminder that Call the were complete without some Controller (Radio 3, 10.40am) gives you your big chance to the future chasing the shadows bats at John Drummond. But, of the past, or butterflies being be warned: Radio 3's boss has

screen the ditch of a fortified

place, from the Spanish caponers a hen-coop or mews: "Of its eight angles,

every other one was sup-

(c) The nave of a church, from the Latin navis a ship, because of the shape; Sanson:"We saw the cathedral. The choir spleadid, the nef very high and CAPONIER (b) In fortification, a covered passage for the defenders

RADIO 1

Name on the high-hour from 5.30 cm until 6.00 cm, then at 7.30, 8.30, 10.00 cm, then at 8.00 cm Tim Scatt 7.00 Gruno Brookes' Breakfast Show with Liz Kershaw 10.00 Cave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian June 1.00
My Top 10: Citit Hichard talks to
Andy Peebles about his career and
his favouries records 7.00 This
Saharitan Samurane with Claimed niii nevolume records vith Richard Saturday Sequence with Richard Sidnner II-00 in Concert: Julia Fordinam, at Hammersmith Odeon, London 10-30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience 11.00-2.00mm The Saturday Rock Show with Alan Freezes

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
News on the hour except
8.00pm, 9.00 (2.00pm, 3.00,
4.00, 5.00, FM only)
4.00pm, 9.00 (2.00pm, 3.00,
4.00, 5.00, FM only)
4.00pm, 9.00 (2.00pm, 2.00
Graham Knight 8.05 Dawd Jacobs
10.00 Anna Robinson 12.00
Gerald Harper 1.30pm Pull the
Other Onel 2.00 Robin Ray on
neoro 3.30 Ketis Boyle 5.00
Cantabite at the Donnar 6.00
Cimema 2 6.30 Roy's Recipes 7.00
Beat the Record 7.30 Saturday
Night Gals 9.30 Strang Sound
10.05 Martin Kelent 12.05pm
Night Owls 1.00 Nightride 3.08-Night Owls 1.00 Night Ide 2.06-4.00 A Little Night Music MW as above supept 1.20-9.00psn Sport on 2

WORLD SERVICE

5.00 am German Features 5.36 News In 4.30 Nachrichten 4.40 Gersten Features 5.30 German: Hoadlines in English and Franch 5.01 Sportsword: Final Results 5.30 Financial News 5.56 Weather and Travel News 5.00 News 5.05 Weather and Travel News 5.00 News 5.05 English 8.30 Hours: News 5.00 News 5.05 From the Weaklas 8.00 Own Correspondent 6.25 Words of Fallh News 5.05 From the Weaklas 8.00 Own Correspondent 6.25 Words of Fallh News 5.05 From Our Summary 7.30 News 5.05 Feather 8.00 News 5.05 From Our Sittle State 1.05 News 5.05 Weather 8.01 Sports Roundup 8.15 Good Show 9.00 News 9.05 From the World From 10.30 News 1.00 News 1.00 News 1.05 World News 1.05 Phalp 10.30 News 1.05 News 1.05 Composer of the Month 1.01 Play of the News About Britain 11.05 News 1.05 Composer of the Month 1.01 Play of the News About Britain 11.05 News 1.00 News 1.00



Joyce Grenfell: in the fourth of an eight-part series, Barry Cryer profiles the actress in Funny That Way (Radio 4, 11.30 pm) 1.13 - 1.50 RADIO 3

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7.09 Morning Concert: Mertinů
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Bride": Vienne PO umber
James Levine)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert foretit:

James Levine)
7.39 News
7.39 News
7.39 Morning Concert (cont);
Beethoven (Overture,
Coriolari: Vienna
Philhamonic Orchestra
under Abbado); Falla (Nights
in the Gardens of Spain:
Subse Romande Orchestra
under Sergiu Comissiona,
with Alicia de Larroche,
okano); Roy Harris. plano): Roy Harris (Symphony No 3: New York Philinarmonic Ovchestra under Leonard Bernstein)

8.35 Schubert: Brache Eden and 8.36 Schubert: Brache Eden and Abozander Tarnir, piano duet, perform Allegro in A minor, D 947; Farthsia in Fininor, D 940; Rondo in O, D 608; Valess sentimentales, D 779, Nos 1-4, 12, 13 and 15-17 (r)

9.30 Saturday Review with Edward Greenfield. Record Review — Building a Library. Stephen Walsh on Britain's song-cycle, Les

Support Water on angular song-cycle, Les Blummations: opera releases are reviewed by Rodney Milnes 10.40 Call the Controller: 01-580 4411. John Drummond, controller of Radio 3, invites controller of Hadio 3, invites calls to discuss your views on the network (see Choice) Hacard Relates: Beathoven (Fantasia in C, Op 80; New Prinamonic Orchestra under Otto Klemperer; John Alida Choir, with Oarnel Berenboim, piano); 11,42 Histard Osborne in conversation with the conversation with the conductor Helmuth Rilling about the first recording of

the Messa per Rosein 12.10pm Bruckner

1.05 Words: Presented by Roy Porter. Part 2: Body Language
1.10 Experison String Quertet in B flat, K 588; Ives (Quertet in No 2; Dvořák (partet in A flat, Op 104), (not 2.00

Inserval Reading (r)
2.45 From the Proms 1989: City
of Birmingham Symphony
Orcheurs under Stroen
Partie performs British
(Smorts de Requiem):
Model (Smorts de Requiem):

4.30 Début Barbiran Pisno Trio performs Haydn (Trio in E flat, H XV 10); Bridge (Phuntasin Trio) 5.00 Jazz Record Requests with 8.06 Jazz Record Réquests with Puter Caylon

8.45 Critica Forum Chairmen Critica Forum Chairmen Civistopher Cook, with Michael Billington, John Carry and Helen McNeil discuss a South Bank Show special on Boris Pessamak (ITV). Philip Sawile's film Fellow Traveller, two plays by Howard Barter, currently showing in London — Scenes from an Execution at the Almeids Traveller and

showing in London —
Scenes from an Execution at the Almeids Thesites and Seven Lears at the Royal Court Theatre; the Frans Hals exhibition at the Royal Academy; and the book The State of the Language, edited by Christopher Ricks and Leonard Michaels Schumann and Nielsent The pieces for plano. Op 59); Schumann (Fantasy in C. Op 17)
Leonore: The original 1805

Op 17)
7-15 Leonore: The original 1805
version of Beethoven's only
opera, including two
numbers which did not numbers which did not appear in the opera's changed state, when it was renamed Fidelio, in 1814. Performed by Leipzig Radio Chorus and Symphorny Orchestra under Max Pommer, with Heiga Wagner, soprano, Reiner Goldberg, tenor, Hermann Christian Poister, bass, Geroge Ionesou, beritone, Konrad Rupf, bass, Margot Stejakel, soprano, Andreas Schmidt, Enter, Edischurd Wagner, tenor, Hans-Wagner, tenor, Hans-Joachim Ribbe, bass. Acts 1 and 2, Ind 6-30 Leonom is and 2, inct 6.38 Leonome is related to the French genre of Rescue Opera by David Chariton 6.45 Act 3 10.60 F.X. Richter (new series): Two of Richter's six string quarters, performed by the Selomen Quarter. Quartet No 5 in G. Quartet No 2 in 8 flat

flat
10.40 The Grand Union
Orchestra: A recording,
made in the Litten Baylis
Theatre, London, in which
the 16-piece group perform
Freedom Cells, a Freedom Cells, a composition by their founder Tony Haynes, in which the struggle for liberty in different parts of the world is depicted. With lyrics by Valerie Bloom, Jamaica, John Matchiktza, South Africa and Vladimir Vega, Chrise. Introduced by Charles Fox.

12.00 News

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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Worther

6.10 The Farming Week:
Dairy farming in Lancastire
and Barbados 6.50 Prayer
for the Day with James
Whitbourn 6.56 Weether
7.00 Today, with John
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10.00 News; Loose Ends: Citive Anderson, with guests Robert Erns, Ernma Freud and John Walters (s)
11.00 News; The Week in Westmirster: With Robin Cakley, political aditor of The Times
11.10 The Times

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12.00 Money Box: Presented by
Louise Botting and Vincent
Duggleby

12.25pm I'm Sorry I Heven't A
Clue: Humorous panel
game, chaired by Humphrey
Lyttelton, with Barry Cryer,
Graham Garden, Tim
Brooks Tetter and Hills. Brooke-Taylor and Willie Rushton (s) (r) 12-55 Weather

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Howden, Humberside with panellists: writer and broadcaster Mary Kenny; Ken Livingstone, MP: Eric Pickles, leader of Bradford City Council; and Sus Simmar direction of the Sue Stipman, director of the National Council for One-Parent Families (r)

2.90 News: Any Answers?

Jonathan Dimbleby takes listeners' calls on issues raised in Any Overtiens? raised in Any Questions?
2.30 The Spur: Play by Juliet Ace

3.45 Tales of a Man called Father: Written and read by Robin Knox-Mawer. Abridged and produced in five parts by Pat McLoughlin

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4.00 Classes Apart? Part 2:
Saturday Night. Six
programmes, in which Jenni
Mills compares the lives and
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the Moreys, and Rosemany Taylor is entertaining 24 for

4.30 Science Now with Peter

5.00 Science Now with Peter Evans
5.00 My Heroes: Cliff Morgan talks to journalist, broadcaster and author Robert Kee (r)
5.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news. With Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sathy Grace (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.50 Weather
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6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre:
Gentlemen, Murder is Served, by Derek Wilson.
Paris, 1887. Was the philanderer Henri Pranzini (Christian Rodska), guilty of the murders for which he was executed? With Peter Jeffrey as Hector Porteus and Christopher Ettridge as Inspector Tailleur (s)
9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay presents a selection of favourite tunes (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten with the Rev Geraint Fielder (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feeture: Oh, No, We Never Mention Herl Fritz Spiegl tells the turbulent fife story of the much-parodied early Victorian poet, playwright and lyricist Thomas Haynes Bayly (1797-1839), taking the title from one of his songs. With Ann Aris and Geoffrey Wheeler (s) (see Choice)
10.45 Face to Face with ... Noël Edmonds. Another emusing encounter recalled by Claude Jenks (s)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with viole players Rivka Golani and Frederick Riddle (s) (r)
11.30 Funny That Way: Eight classic comedy profiles by Barry Cryer. Part 4: Joyce Gernfell (s) (r)
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Executive Editor David Brewerton

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Hurst quits T Cowie

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cease to be connected with the No directors were available at its headquarters, but it is thought Mr Hurst fell out with the rest of the management and that the basis of any compensation is now being

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ny's lawyers. Carrier deal

In a takeover that will transform the French civil aviation industry, Air France is to acquire 54.5 per cent of UTA, the country's biggest private carrier. The deal was unveiled resterday after rumours of an impending announcement shad led to suspension of dealing in shares of Chargeurs, UTA's parent.

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Inflation fears send markets tumbling in London and New York

£8bn wiped off share prices

By Michael Clark in London and James Bone in New York

World stock markets tumbled yesterday in reaction to a steep overnight fall in Japan, developments in the Soviet Union and a re-emerging inflationary trend in the US.

In London, almost £8 billion was wiped from the value of Britain's public companies as share prices tumbled through the important 2,400 level.

Sentiment has also been hit by worries about the prospect of high interest rates for some time, and growing inflation, with this week's decision by the Ford unions to reject an offer of 10.2 per cent. Market-makers anxious to avoid

absorbing large amounts of stock went on the defensive. The FT-SE 100 index started 15 points lower and continued to lose ground throughout much of the day. It closed 37.8 lower at 2,380.1, having been almost 48 points down.

The narrower FT-30 index fell 31,4 points to 1,909.1. Turnover was less than 600 million shares, which dealers said failed to justify this size of fall.

It was a sad finale to the long three-week New Year account. when the market soared to a record high of 2,466.2 on January 3, buoyed by new confidence in the British economy.

But investors have found the

going much harder since, with traders struggling to find a new level at which buyers are prepared to operate.

Wall Street shares headed sharply lower in early trading yesterday after the falls in Tokyo and London and higher-than-expected inflation figures in the US.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 50.77 points an hour after the opening bell.

"We are following through from what Japan did last night and also London prior to our opening," said Mr Brad Weekes, vice-president of Donaldson Lufkin Jenrette, the brokerage house, "I would look for continued downside pressure." He

said the Dow Jones index had broken through one technical sup-port at 2,760. "The next support is around the 2,650 level — maybe."

Shares had been under pressure for most of the week from program trading and the reluctance of fund managers to enter the market.

Figures yesterday showed that the Producer Price Index rose 0.7 per cent in December, against an expected 0.5 per cent, fuelling inflation wornes and in turn raising doubts that the Federal Reserve Board would ease its credit policy soon and that interest rates would fall further.

Although partly the result of short-term factors such as last

food and energy costs, the surge in producer prices worried a market already vulnerable to a reversal after a 27 per cent rise in 1989.

Worries about inflation were tempered, however, by the release of December's retail sales figures, which showed a rise of 0.2 per cent, pointing to a softening economy.

The dollar fell on the US figures, leaving the pound up more than one cent at \$1.6715. Sterling's trade weighted index rose 0.3 on the day

In the retail sales report, the rise in petrol and food store sales could be due to price increases rather than gains in real sales, an analyst said. The drop in key areas of furniture and general merchandise store sales made the report look particularly weak, he said.

Both the US Treasury and foreign exchange markets had a negative reaction to the data.

But while the PPI rise probably lessens the chances of the Federal Reserve relaxing credit in the next few weeks, analysts still expect an easing further down the road.

Although the immediate future looks gloomy on the inflation front, some economists said price rises for 1990 would not be worse than last year. That should give the Fed leeway to eventually ease, they

Ferranti £187m rights follows plunge into red

By Augela Mackay

as an independent defence and electronics group now depends on winning the European Fighter Aircraft radar contract after the group shored up its short-term finances with a £187.1 million

Sir Derek Alun-Jones, Fer-ranti's chairman, said: "Whoever wins the EFA contract will have won the battle for the airborne radar market in Europe over the next 10

Sir Derek said he expected the £2 billion EFA contract to be awarded "within four to six weeks" and was confident Ferranti's ECR 90 system would be victorious over the company's accounts were APG 65 from West Germany reaudited and the results reeven though the Germans British company.

Along with notice of an extraordinary meeting on February 5 to vote on the rights issue, Ferranti, which was defrauded of £215 million by a division of International Sixnal & Control, its American subsidiary, yesterday announced it had made a £15.4 million loss (£16.6 million net of underwriting fees and profit) in the six months to company had no working reduce borrowings rather than

Ferranti International's future issue, adding that it would not The company expects to make a dividend payment "until further notice". Sir Derek said the share-

holders could reasonably expect their dividends to be reinstated in 12 months. He added that the board would soon be strengthened by at least two new members. Operating profits were "severely affected" by lower profits

from military businesses in England, Scotland and the US, where ISC made a £4.9 million loss. Ferranti shares ended 3p lower at 33½p. Turnover at Ferranti was marginally higher at £419.2 million (£415.5 million). After

stated in 1988. £11.4 million to £21.4 million after the company had to negotiate an expensive £300 million standstill agreement

which made the company

"over dependent on bank

The money gleaned from the 25p one-for-one rights issue will be £178.9 million costs - and money from the end-September. It said the sale of assets will be used to capital, even after the rights go back into the company.

renegotiate the standby agreement and a new seven-month money facility worth about £130 million by January 26.

Sir Derek said the company would cut costs by selling Marquardt, a US weapons company, and by disposing of the remaining 50 per cent of its Italian interests. There will be more redundancies.

The last of Ferranti's suit-Thomson-CSF, the French defence and electronics company, is holding further talks next week with at least two of Ferranti's defence and computers divisions, but it appears a bid has been discovering the fraud, the ruled-out for the time being.

Ferranti's management and Barings, its advisors, considered the rights issue was the and a stronger negotiating platform with banks and companies seeking deals.

The company is to create special 1p shares by splitting ordinary shares - including the rights' issues preferred ordinary shares - in two. The special shares, which will be untraded, entitle registered holders to share in any of the cash regained in legal action as a result of the fraud after the first £10 million has been deducted by Ferranti for costs.



Sir Derek Alua-Jones yesterday: pinning Ferranti's hopes on EFA radar contract

Tokyo has worst day in two years

From Joe Joseph. Tokyo

Tokyo share prices suffered their worst loss in more than two years yesterday.

The yen remained limp. bond prices weakened further and optimism about investment prospects in Eastern Europe cracked slightly under signs of political tension in the Soviet Union.

Anxiety about the outcome of next month's general elections in Japan and selling to balance books before a threeday holiday weekend amplified the fall.

The Nikkei index fell by 653.36 points to 37.516.77. wiping out the 473.62-point advance on Thursday and recording its eighth-worst loss

It was the index's worst oneday loss since November 10, 1987, and exceeded the plunge on October 16 last year, when the Nikkei shed 647.33 points in sympathy with a collapse on world stock markets.

Tokyo's recent falls have been in stark contrast to the buoyant mood that hoisted share prices to new peaks only a fortnight ego.

Mr Hidetada Yoshida, the trading at Kidder, Peabody International, the securities house, said: "Some traders are waiting for signals that the market is bottoming out so they can hunt for bargains. But the market seems bottom-

With the stock market's mood already nervous, many jittery dealers preferred to sell to square their books before the long weekend.

"No-one wants to go out on a limb," said one trader

Fixed-rate loans deal launched

By Jon Ashwerth

Bear Stearns, the giant US securities group, is breaking into the British mortgage mar-ket with a £185 million launch on Monday.

The new company, Bear

Stearus Home Loans, is a wholly owned subsidiary specializing in mortgage lending and securitization. It plans to securitize its mortgages in a public offering.

The main feature of the

launch is a 25-year fixed-rate 11.95 per cent mortgage in line with the average interest rate over the last 20 years. Miss Marcia Myerberg, managing director of BSHL, said the loan company in-tended becoming a leader in

the UK mortgage market. "We are definitely committed to the international market, and see 1992 very positively. There is an untapped market for securitization," said Miss Myerberg. Family Money, page 24

Ex-chief and board in row at Telecomputing

between the board of Telo-computing, the Unlisted Sec-urities Market computer software company, and Mr Bernard Panton, its founder and former chairman.

Mr Panton resigned in November last year when Ferrari Holdings, another computer company, acquired a 35 per cent stake backed by Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank.

Telecomputing has served Mr Panton, who is away in Amsterdam, with an injunction preventing him from unicating in any way with the company's financial advisers, bankers and employees regarding any "price sen-sitive information" obtained during his tenure at the company.

gence said the company is now investigating a possible over-statement of the accounts.

"It has become clear that the accounting practice used was not best practice," said Mr Panton, prevented from

talking to The Times as a result of yesterday's injunc-tion, had decided three years ago to move into artificial intelligence, spending an esti-mated £3 million on research and development. When it hecame clear there was no market for the new product, profits fell rapidly from £886,000 the year before.

Telecomputing shares, down from a peak in 1987 of 303p and bought by Ferrari at 87p, were yesterday languish-

A bitter row has broken out end-September, 1988 after a exclusively into customer-between the board of Tele-move into artificial intelli-funded projects such as the funded projects such as the creation of a pensions system for the DHSS, will return to profit for the year to end-September, 1990.

It is also expected to turn to the market to raise money in February, when it reports its interiors. An acquisition is also said to be imminent.

The source said Mr Panton resigned as chairman as a condition of the partial bid from Ferrari, an acquisitive software distributor which was last March reversed into Cifer, a troubled computer terminal firm run by Mr Michael Williams, a former Hillsdown Holdings corporate

Mr Williams, the deputy chairman of Ferrari, is a director of Telecomputing and A source close to Teleing unchanged at 93p. It is Mr Tony Evans, the former
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Reliability, is the chairman.

USM group arranges easy terms for that special day

Cupid bows to rising cost of nuptials five years. The average annualized insurance and Interflora is giving dis-

By Gillian Bowditch

Cupid, the bridalwear company which recently graduated from the Third Market to the Unlisted Securities Market, is attempting to take some of the sting out of the blind cherub's arrow.

The group has put together a wedding finance package aimed at helping brides and their parents leap the financial hurdles on the way to the aisle. Mr Mike Murray, Cupid's managing director, says that the average wedding

now costs £5,270 and that there are

340,000 in Britain each year. He has

devised a credit and discount package called "Cupid Beginnings" in conjunc-tion with Western Trust and Savings. The scheme will lend the bride or her parents between £750 and £7,500 repayable in monthly instalments for up to

percentage rate for the scheme is 31 per cent, which Mr Murray says is about 3 per cent less than the interest rate being charged on most store cards. However, it is a higher rate of interest

than many banks charge for a straightforward loan. Mr Murray says many families borrow

to pay for a wedding and using the Cupid scheme will help to reduce the cost by having all the borrowings on one loan. In addition, brides are given a discount card which entitles then to discounts from a variety of stores. Pearl Stationery is offering 10 per cent

off wedding stationery under the scheme,

Moss Bros is offering a free suit for every

four hired, Provincial Insuarance is

offering 25 per cent off house contents

counts on flowers. Other groups in the scheme include Granada, B&Q and Sheffield Cutlery.

Cupid is negotiating with several housebuilders and says Debenhams also intends to join the scheme. Cupid gets a commission from Westem Trust & Savings as do the shops in

Mr Murray says the group is also

offering an insurance package which is reasonably comprehensive. "We will insure the dress against damage and the cancellation cost of the wedding if the groom falls off his motorbike the day before. In fact, we'll insure against virtually anything apart from the bride being jilted." Mr Murray

Have house prices bottomed?

By Charles Fry.

(Conservatives won),

Very nearly in London and the South and not yet in the North is probably the answer. The building societies and forecasters have recently been hard at work predicting the future course of house prices. They are unanimous that 1990 will see the bottom of the market in the South and that from then on good, if not "mini boom", conditions will prevail. The reasons for these predictions are fairly straightforward.

★ The ratio between wages and house prices is improving as prices fall.

★ House prices are very sensitive to mortgage interest rates. So is the electorate!

★ With the General Elec-

tion approximately two years off, it is worth noting that base rates at the time of the last three Elections were 12% in March 1979 (Labour lost),

years time?

housing slumps were 1973/74 and 1980/81. The Nationwide Greater London Property Index rose 124% and increase is likely five for their free booklet years from 1st January entitled "An Investor's

So, how can you profit can be contacted from the next growth at 20 Regent Street, cycle? Well, you can trade London SW1Y 4PZ up on your own house (01-321 0220).

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Johnson Fry Corporate Finance Limited (Fuilse)

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

today to draw up his strategy for what is predicted to be an austere, anti-inflationary Budget while impressing his own individual stamp on the Government's economic policy.

As the pound weathered another onslaught yesterday, Treasury ministers, advisers and top officials set off for a weekend of talks to lay the foundations for Mr Major's first Budget speech in March.

The Chancellor will be looking to enhance his own reputation and the Government's prospects of winning a fourth general election. But the weekend's retreat in Kent will inevitably be overshadowed by the threat of further dou-ble-figure pay deals after Ford's 10.2 per cent offer to its

This week's statements by Mrs Thatcher, Mr Major and Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, that they intend to stand firm against inflationary pay deals indicate that the Budget will be equally single-minded in making inflation the prime

Closeted with Mr Major are expected to be Mr Norman pensioners.

Mr John Major, Chancellor of Lamont, Chief Secretary to the Exchequer, gathers his the Treasury; Mr Peter Lilley, Treasury team to Chevening Financial Secretary; Lord Caithness, Paymaster-General; Mr Richard Ryder, Economic Secretary; Sir Peter Middleton, the Treasury's permanent secretary; and Sir Terence Burns, chief economic adviser.

Chevening, the official residence of the Foreign Secretary is traditionally lent to the Chancellor for the pre-Budget gathering

After the weekend's discussions, the Treasury team is effectively silenced until the Budget statement. However, Treasury watchers will scan Mr Major's speech in the Commons debate on the autumn statement in 10 days' time for further Budget clues. Mr Major will be looking to

follow Mr Lawson by opting for across-the-board tax cuts, which tend to favour highearners. Instead he may prefer to help low income groups,

Satellite capture

world's most-travelled tomato seeds should soon be on their way to the school laboratories of America following yesterday's capture by the space shuttle Columbia of a broken

Dr Bonnie Dunbar, a Mission specialist, standing in the shuttle cockpit and peering at a television monitor, guided a 50ft robot arm to the Long Duration Exposure Facility (LDEF), and grabbed the 11tonne satellite by a short grapple post on its side. 'Houston, we have LDEF."

Mr Dan Brandenstein, the flight commander, said.

The crew was to photograph

reveal his own personal philosophy after nearly three months as Chancellor, emerging from the shadow of his predecessor, Mr Nigel Lawson. Early indications suggest that he is not likely to

> By Daniel Treisman A law enabling accession from the Soviet Union — if it emerges from discussion in the Supreme Soviet in Moscow — will find a range of

> > Nationalist movements are most mature and organized in the Buttic republics of Lithusnia, Estonia, and Latvia, all of which can be expected to press for eventual indepe Popular Fronts, formed in the autumn of 1988, have got candidates elected in local elections last

> > Latvia's Supreme Soviet yesterday opened the way for a multiparty system, amending the re-public's constitution to eliminate the Communist Party's guarantee on political power. Estonia did the same early last month.

The communist parties in the two republics are waiting to see the results of the Lithuanian party's split with Mescew, before themseives taking such a move.

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By Philip Howard

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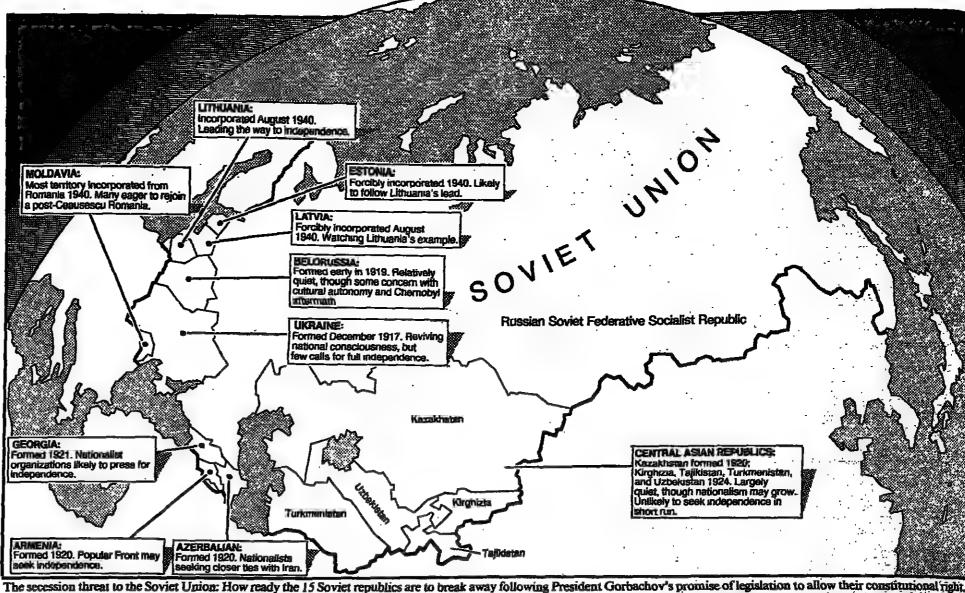
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Budget team | Cracks in the Russian empire's facade



republics with national moveme in different stages of developments.

lems in Estonia and Latvia, where likelihood of violent clashes. native Balts make up only 65 per

In Georgia, the violent suppression of a demonstration in Thilisi last April in which about 20 were killed has fuelled already building nationalist sentiment. But minorities in Abkhazia and South Ossetia would fear decultration.

The growth of nationalism in Armenia, a Christian republic which like Georgia has historically feared the surrounding Muslim peoples.

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has paralleled the development of the dispute with Azerbaijan over Nagorne-Karabakh, which since it erapted in February 1988 has ciaimed over 120 lives. The Armenian Popular Front has demconstrated for automorey.

On Thursday, the Arusenian log-islature amended the republic's constitution to give Itself an effective veto over national laws it sees as

afficting with Armenia's interests. Azerbaijan, through which vital train lines to Armenia and Georgia pass, has also seen an increase in testional ferrour munociated with the Nagorno-Karabakh dispute, Islamic activists have called for the republic to be reunited with Iran, though this demand might diminish if the border

in Moldavia, most of which was incorporated into the Soviet Union from Romania in 1940, a nationalist movement founded seven months ago has rebelled against the im-position of the cyrillic script which replaced the latin siphabet. Language riots and anti-Soviet protests broke out in August and September,

and in November nationalists disrunted the Revolution Day parade causing communist leaders to flee. With the fall of Ceanseson, some

have called for remification with Romania. This would not please the Russian eighth of the population. In the Ukraine and Belorussia nationalist movements have devel-oped more slowly and focus on demands for cultural and linguistic autonomy, as well as concerns about pollution, in Belorassia, fears about

were not fully and immediately publicized, have ambilized activities. Parts of the Ukraine were inmay hope to bolster cultural ties with their neighbours to the West. The Solidarity historian and now meniber of parliament Mr Adam Michaik addressed the founding congress of the Ukraine's popular front, Ruth, in September 1989.

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In the largely Sunni Muslim republics of Central Asia, calls for rarer, though nationalist move are likely to gain ground

saves experiments From Peter Stothard, US Editor, Washington

More than 12 million of the the satellite for several hours before moving it slowly into the shuttle payload bay. The satellite will return to Earth with Columbia on January 19. The tomato seed experiment - to test the effects of

space exposure on plants was one of 86 programmer which would have been destroyed had Columbia not caught the bus-sized "Long **Duration Exposure Facility** and prepared to bring it down to earth. The exposure facility, whose stay in space had been unintentionally extended from 10 months to six years, would have plunged out of orbit in March, burning up in

the Earth's atmosphere

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cent and 54 per cent respectively of the population, Large Russian minorities, concentrated in the towns

and in industry, fear discrimination.

The Transcaucasus, a mountain

ons region comprising the largely Christian republics of Georgia and

Armenia and Shia Muslim Azer-

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London, south-east England, East Anglia and the Channel Islands will start mostly cloudy with some rain and irizzie. It will curb drief everywhere and most places will brighten up. In the rest of England and Wales there will be a frosty start followed by a lot of sunshine. Scotland and Northern Ireland will start mostly dry but rain and winds will spread from the north-west. Outlook: Still changeable.

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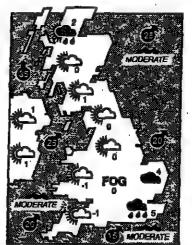
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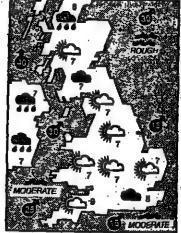
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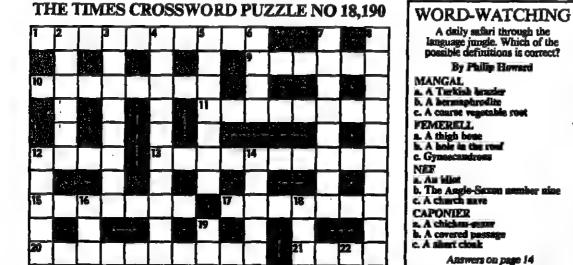


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- 1 At first sight, a strange sort of pacifier mother inserted (5,5).
- 9 Canyon subject to pollution (6). 10 The way to encourage fish (8). 11 Generate trouble for an adoles-
- cent (8). 12 Historian can look into old 13 Roof is free (2,3,5).
- 15 One working for the Highways Department, or possibly a copywriter (7).
- 17 Flower of extraordinary size a doctor introduced (7). 20 Torch left burnt residue in the
- 21 Worker one opposed to ... (4). 23 ... a few of the first clues (3,2,3). 25 Till name is deleted, is man in
- employment? (8). 26 A mysterious character, girl holding one award for gallantry
- 27 Wallaby requires rice and fruit

Solution to puzzle No 18,184 BARBARA PICTORIA ALIKE
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- 2 Engineers have aeroplane part
- 3 Damage one yellow blossom (8). 4 Open warfare (4-3-3).
- 5 Choral work may bring two armies together (7). 6 Seed gets a hidden advantage(4).
- 7 Girl carrying one 'ulking in-strument (3-5). 8 Desire nice sort of divorce (6,4). 12 Example of the flora and fauna turning up in secluded spot (10).
- 14 Give Italy, with its extremes of climate, a new resort (10). 16 Scholar not in practice (8).
- 18 Without cream, a dessert it is easy to slip up on (5,3). 19 A good reason for being on the beach (7).
- 22 Went first into excessively Spanish city (6). 24 Catch split up (4).

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,189 IVYLEAGUE AUDEN C W E A N ABANDOM ACTIVE BAND
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in by Allied Provincial. the company said it needed more facts before it could establish whether due diligence at the time of the placing was carried out properly. Allied Provincial insisted it was. lems, the placing would have been pulled," said Mrs Elizabeth Kennedy, a director of Allied Provincial Corporate Services. She said APCS had resigned because of possible accusations of conflict of interest over Diamond's sale of its mechanical breakdown insurance businesses to LPH. thore than £1 million on his 20 per cent stake in Diamond, said shareholders could not expect the interim results until next month. He has asked for Stock Exchange permission to report final results for the year to end-December instead. The interim loss is believed to be more than 1988's £1.23 million pre-tax profit.

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cannot say I blame them.

men and unrepentant bulls. Is the re-

covery, which lifted the Dow 48 per

cent between Black Monday and Octo-

ber 12, 1989 - the day before New

York's sudden collapse on Grey Friday

- and has sustained the market since,

really a (protracted) bullish phase in a

bear market which, though it may not

be visible to the naked eye, is lurking just below the surface? It is a sterile

The tremor in 1987 and the blip last

October did not change the upward

trend in the world's stock markets.

Britain emerged from recession in 1981

and proceeded to enjoy eight years of

uninterrupted growth. Reflecting rap-

idly rising company profits and un-fettered dividend increases, the FT-

Actuaries All Share Index, having risen 32 per cent in 1989, is five times higher

than it was at the beginning of January

1980. The big question is: where next?

I think, by the way, that it is right to

look at sectors of the market and also at

markets in different countries. There is

now a huge global market in the leading stocks of each country with an or-ganized stock market. The huge weight

of institutional money constantly

building up in the United States, Japan,

Britain and western Europe is finding

outlets in these "international eq-

uities." Turnover is estimated to have

gone up from \$140 billion (£84.2 billion) to \$1,375 billion in 10 years.

Global share buying on this scale is

both a price support and a source of

weakness in a particular market should

disenchantment set in. The support

becomes more significant than the

threat as fund managers take a longer

The global market also requires a

different and faster response to seismic

shifts in share prices from Treasury

ministers and central bank governors.

Wall Street's fall on Grey Friday

(October 13) prompted a remarkably

swift and successful effort by Mr Alan

Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal

Reserve Board, to maintain confidence

in the market. He transmitted the

view of the shares they hold.

Evered expands quarry | Friday 13th part II: A horror output with £141m buys

tion on acquisitions in Britain and the US, increasing its output of quarry materials by underwriters.

Civil and Marine Holdings. which operates dredgers and imports slag from the Continent, will cost £113 million, while Millville, which operates a limestone quarry near Washington DC, has been bought for \$46.5 million (£28.2 million).

All but £9 million of the total acquisition cost will be paid in cash. Evered plans to raise £30 million from a preference issue, provided shareholders approve. The company does not see any problems with this, even

'asked

to resign'

By Melinda Wittstock

Diamond Group Holdings,

the Glasgow insurance broker

which joined the USM in

April only to have its shares

suspended in October before a

massive maiden interim loss.

has asked its finance director

to resign just weeks before the

results of investigations into

its troubles by two accoun-

Allied Provincial Corporate

Services, the merchant bank-

ing division of Allied Provin-

cial, the Scottish stockbroker

which sponsored the USM

placing, has also resigned as

Diamond's financial adviser,

but will continue as its broker.

blamed "problems in the ad-

ministration and claims hand-

ling" of its mechanical break-

down insurance business in

the less on an unexpectedly

But Mr Derek Diamond.

Mr Diamond said all policies were underwritten by

Lloyd's of London, and de-

celled after commissions were

He said Mr Ian King's resig-

nation as finance director was

linked to the troubles, first dis-

covered in July with a flood of

But leading shareholders in

Diamond, including MIM

Development Capital, a wing

of Britannia Arrow with 25.54

per cent, plus other institu-

tional clients of Allied Provin-

cial, believe they will not hear

the full story until the inquiry

The report by Arthur An-

dersen, Diamond's auditor, is

with Mr Diamond, but instit-

utional investors are awaiting

the report by Touche Ross's

insolvency department, called

Though one source close to

"If we had seen any prob-

Mr Diamond, who has lost

results are revealed.

paid to Lloyd's brokers.

heavy claims.

agement over two years.

holders were at risk.

Diamond, which in October

tants are to be revealed.

million rights issue in September was left with the

The shares fell 9p to 137p on news of the acquisitions. profitability. Analysts attributed the drop to the apparent risk that Evered's earnings per share would be on ships and plant in the past diluted in view of the high purchase prices.

Civil and Marine made £6.1 million profits in the year to minimize its tax liability last March, implying an earn-ings multiple of 28, while profits. Millville appears to be costing Civil 22 times earnings given its pre-interest profits of \$3.5 million (£2.1 million) in the

Same period.

None the less, Mr Mike
Wallis, Evered's managing

lish Channel, which land aggregates at depots on the
Thames and in Belgium. The

Evered is to spend £141 mil- though 71 per cent of its £68 director, said there would be company also owns a bulk no dilution this year because the historic published figures carrier which imports blast furnace slag from steel mills in for the two acquisitions pro-France and Belgium for cement manufacture. vided a poor guide to their

Millville operates a quarry 40 miles from Washington Civil and Marine has inwith limestone reserves of 650 vested more than £20 million million tons. two years, which was only Mr Wallis said that as CSR starting to contribute fully,

while Millville had sought to

rather than to maximize

Civil and Marine operates

three ocean-going dredgers

southern North Sea and Eng-

recently paid Hanson \$650 million for ARC's US quarries, with reserves of 1.5 billion tons, the price Evered paid was reasonable. The company intended to revalue Millville's reserves and as a from licensed grounds in the result Evered's balance sheet gearing would be down to about 50 per cent by the end of 1990, assuming the preference

Diamond director Rivals eye Bond brewers

Stephen Leather

John Labatt, the biggest brewer in Canada, is considering bidding between Aus\$1.6 billion (£762 million) and Aus\$2 billion for the Australian brewing operations of Mr Alan Bond, the troubled

Mr Edward Stewart, Labatt's vice-president for cor-porate affairs, said that the valuation is based on the "most preliminary" examination of Bond Corporation Holdings' operations and that Labatt's financial analysts are at work in Australia. Any bid is "a good number of weeks

away at best," he said. But Lion Nathan, the New Zealand brewer, believes it has first claim, even though its Aus\$2.5 billion deal last year to buy a half-share of the assets in a joint venture with a Bond company could not be

Mr Doug Myers, the chief executive, said that Lion still wants all Bond's Australian

"We are not interested in the breakup of the breweries," he said. "We never had been. We're still very interested in getting the lot."

In Queensland two local roups want to pick up just one of the breweries, Castlemaine Perkins, and there are reports of a third bidder in the wings.

Mr Bond's brewing operations were placed in seceivered ship by an Australian court on. December 29, at the request of a syndicate of Australian and international banks.

His court battle to overturn managers to the breweries has lasted nine days and is ex-

the mining assets of Bond Corporation Holdings for Aus\$198.75 million.



By Gillian Bowditch

Albert Fisher, the food dis-

tribution group, is set to have

a lively extraordinary meeting

on Monday after institutional

concerns about its proposed

£180 million rights issue and

new US equity partner, Corporate Partners (CP), forced it

to change the terms of its deal.

CP could have gained a maximum stake of 28.75 per cent

and would have been entitled

to at least one board seat -

and two if its stake went above

at 110p a share, compared

with the market price of 124p.

that CP has been given the

chance to build up a sizeable

stake at a discount to the

market and that non-exec-

utive directors are being ap-

pointed as part of a financial

package rather than on their

Mr Tony Millar, Fisher's chairman, who said last

month that institutions were

happy with the terms, was

changed one aspect of the deal. market.

individual merits.

institutions are concerned

15 per cent. The rights issue is

Under the original terms,

Albert Fisher set

for stormy EGM

Whirlpool in £66m

Euro drive

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Whirlpool, the north American manufacturer of large domestic electrical appliances which vies with Sweden's Electrolux to be the world's biggest producer of such white goods, is planning to spend \$110 million (£66 million) promoting its brand in Ешторе.

The company will spread its spending, claimed to be a record for the industry, over several years, with the main thrust in television commercials which start in Britain next month. It will be a key step towards creating a global

white goods brand. In Europe, it will mean a rebranding of washing machines, refrigerators and other kitchen equipment sold under the label of Philips, the Dutch multinational, which sold off 53 per cent of its white goods operation to Whirlpool a year ago. Manufacturing takes place in Europe. From next

month, the new range will be marketed under the combined Philips and Whirlpool brand-

story that has failed to happen perceptive market-makers I know wryly observed this week that he no longer knew whether we were in a bull market or a bear market or betwixt and between. These familiar terms, temporarily at least, have been dropped by the gurus

and clairvoyants who have taken refuge in global strategy and sector analysis. I that the Fed would make available cash On the face of it October 19, 1987 and credit to save any major institution Black Monday — ought to have signalled the end of the great 1980s bull market. Wall Street and the Dow Jones from being crushed by the fall. On Monday the Dow closed 88 points higher at 2,657 and the world had been Industrial Average had gone from 759 early in 1980 to 2,700 on the eve of the saved for capitalism. With the Japanese well-practised in managing the Tokyo 1987 crash. The first leg of the new bear market, the global market is a safer market, though short and unshapely, divided the experts between second leg

The new year opened with a strong whiff of bullishness, but that is not unusual. The bull points are numerous. Investment institutions make up their figures at the year-end and they are looking to add gloss to their performance. The spate of buy recommendations (sell tips are against the spirit of the season) stimulate interest and activity especially among private inves-tors. The water issues had created an element of euphoria. There is an allround reluctance to sell shares and hence a shortage of stock available in the market. Market-makers run tight books and if they are squeezed prices jump disproportionately.

The tide of money flowing toward the institutions is high, and rights issues, apart from Ferranti's call yesterday for £187 million, are still conspicuous by their absence. Takeover activity which has been a powerful factor in bolstering share prices is unlikely to diminish. The structure of the London market and its efficiency will be improved by changes now pending.

easured by conventional yardsticks, while not cheap, the equity market and many of its constituents are not wildly expensive. Although it will not happen before the autumn, privatization of the electricity distribution companies (the 12 area boards) is something to look forward too. There are limitations on the Government's ability to influence a market but it did a remarkable job holding the line in the weeks leading to the water sale. So you might fairly ask, where is the snag? Why is a mist clouding the market?

There are two major factors. One is the pressure on President Gorbachov resulting from aspirations of republics within the Soviet Union. If he fails to deal with them satisfactorily and peacefully, a successor might resort to more traditional Communist methods. A reactionary regime in Moscow would threaten the economic revival of Eastern Europe — a great potential market for the 1990s. The atmosphere would

impact on Japan where the market is sensitive to the country's emerging political power, rising interest rates, rising inflation and a weaker yen.

The undercurrent of caution also reflects the domestic economic outlook. Economic forecasts, of which there are scores, vary in the severity of their numbers. Some still expect a soft landing and fair growth. But they are consistent in two respects. Company profits and dividends will not rise as fast as they have done in recent years. though companies with substantial overseas earnings will benefit from the devaluation of sterling (almost 17 per cent against the West German mark and I I per cent against the US dollar in 1989). And nothing on the economic front this year is expected to send the Government's opinion poll ratings through the roof. (Next year could be different if the Chancellor does his stuff and the Tories do not lose their nerve.

aradoxically, the stock market has been held up by the fall in the pound, which takes the heat off many big companies, and what it perceives to be a softer line on both interest rates (not putting them up) and inflation. Base rates are unlikely to go up, though the Bank of England might argue that they should. Provided they do not come down sterling should begin to hold its present ground. All bets, however, are off if the trend of inflation is not down from here on in. Foreign holders of gilts and sterling will be the first to vote with their feet, because if this Government does not get inflation down, in their view, the administration will fall and pave the way for something much

The Ford settlement is allegedly a bad precedent and an ill omen. This is misguided. We are seeing the emergence of the European company, in which pay (and productivity) will merge in a uniform scale. Meanwhile Ford has a difficult choice. A prolonged strike is more costly than the extra it might take to settle. The Government knows how to bring down inflation and alone has the; power to do it.

The London equity market will be unsettled at least until the Budget. It will be dominated by politics, international as well as national. It will not run away from you. Hence there is no compelling need "to buy the market" at this level. It may go up but it will also fall back again.

But unless the world goes mad, equities are good to have and to hold. and it is no fun doing nothing. No special situations here (they will come later) but good value in: GEC, Simon Engineering, BP, Lloyds Bank, Granada and BTR. Williams is spicier and Foreign and Colonial Investment Trust

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Ten men, a woman and three

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manded in their absence until

March 2 at Guildhall Justices

Rooms yesterday. They were: County Nat-

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Investment Bank, and UBS

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brokers; Mr Charles Villiers.

former chairman at County.

and Mr Jonathan Cohen, its

former chief executive; and

Mr Timothy Brown, P&D

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Reed, and Miss Elizabeth

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County finance director, Mr Alan Keat, former legal advi-

sor to County; Mr Paul Smallwood, a P&D director;

and Mr Christopher Stain-

forth and Mr Martin Gibbs.

NI £450m loan

News International, which

both formerly of P&D.

managing director.

Buyers roll in for BAT's Accused in American stores chains

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

BAT Industries has received about six serious inquiries for each of its two US stores chains, Saks Fifth Avenue and Marshall Fields, a company spokesman said yesterday.

Both companies, together with BAT's smaller Carolinabased store chain, Ivey's, and its Californian home furnishings chain, Breuners, were put up for sale as a key plank in BAT's defence against the £13.5 billion bid from Hoylake Investments led by Sir lames Goldsmith.

Information on the four retail chains will be dispatched to potential buyers in

mains on course," the spokesman confirmed.

Among the potential bidders for the 15-strong Chicago-based Marshall Fields chain is the St Louis-based May Department Stores Co., which is keen to expand its department store operation. It sees Marshall Fields - and "several Campeau Corp chains" — as an "attractive possibility". Campeau's Bloomingdale's chain is for

Mr Philip Miller, chairman of Marshall Fields, is reported to be working on what would be a management buyout bid

\$1 billion. Information had not been distributed earlier so details of Christmas trading could be included, the BAT spokesman said. "Business was not as bad as some had feared," he added.

BAT expects to complete the sale of all four businesses for between \$1.5 and \$2.5 billion by the end of June. ● In a further attempt to reassure its creditors and vendors, Campeau has annormced a management reorganization. The Torontobased group revealed that its

be overseen by a new board, the first week of February. for Fields. Analysts estimate the majority of whose mem-"The disposal timetable re- Fields could fetch as much as bers would be American.

Hanson 'could afford to bid'

By Our City Staff

warchest.

A rival bid for BAT Industries would not be beyond the financial reach of Hanson, the company confirmed yest-

Speaking in Paris, Mr Derek Bonham, the Hanson finance director, said Hanson could fund acquisitions of up to £15 Interest in Hanson's ac-

quisition plans was aroused at the annual meeting this week when Lord Hanson, the chairman, forecast a dividend increase of more than 20 per cent in 1990.

This is a move designed to persuade the company's £1 billion convertible stockholders to convert their holdings into equity next month.

This will revitalize the balance sheet, considerably en-

hancing the size of the Hanson

There has been speculation that it could launch a rival offer to the £13.5 billion lapsed bid from Hoylake, Sir James Goldsmith's bid vehicle, and even that it might make an approach for ICI. Mr Martin Taylor, Han-

son's vice-chairman, told the Paris audience yesterday that the group would prefer to continue to focus activities in the United States and British markets But he added: "When the

European Community's takeover code is in place, we will look more intently at opportunities in (Continental)

conference which followed an investors' meeting, gave any indication of the group's cur-

rent investment plans. Mr Bonham said full conversion of Hanson's convertible stock next month, together with cash raised from the sales of some Consolidated Gold Fields assets, would bring its net cash position to £791 million. This compares with the situation in September 1989,

when it had net debt of £849 million. Existing borrowing capacity, calculated at 2.5 times

shareholders' funds, including goodwill, would bring its buying power up to the total £15 billion, Mr Bonham said.

However, neither he nor Mr Bonham, speaking at a news closed 4p lower at 233.5p.

publishes The Times, has arranged a \$750 million (£450 million) short-term borrowing facility, guaranteed by The News Corporation, its parent, to finance partly its share of the \$455 million purchase of

Scott-Foresman, the US educational publishers, by Harper & Collins, its half-owned book publishing joint venture. Cowan profits

Cowan de Groot, the kitchen hardware and toy distributor. reported pre-tax profits of £1.15 million for its half-year to October. In the same period last year it made £1.36 million, including an exceptional credit of £326,000 from a disposal. The interim divi-

Archives up

dend is unchanged at 1.25p.

Security Archives (Holdings) lifted profits £414,000 to £437,000 in the six months to end-September, on turnover of £2.36 million (£1.68 million). Eps are 5.7p (4.8p) and the interim dividend is 2.5p

Morgan down

Profits at de Morgan, fell £976,000 to £150,000 in the half-year to October despite turnover up 22 per cent to £2.7 million. The interim dividend rises to 1.375p (1.25p).

Geevor passes

Geevor turned a £260,000 loss into £26,000 profit in the halfyear to September on turnover of £2.5 million (£1.2 million). There is again no dividend

Dentists follow the Russian bears in turning bullish over bullion

Millar: deal partly altered

Fisher has agreed to waive

CP's right to a board seat at

the group's EGM on Monday.

Any board appointments will

Fisher said any institutions

worried about CP gaining a

sizeable stake without paying

a premium for it could ensure

this did not happen by taking

up all of their rights. If

shareholders do this, CP's

CP has an agreement with

stake will be only 5 per cent.

Fisher that it is allowed to

require a separate EGM.

Gold market gurus go long in the tooth

By Colin Campbell Mining Correspondent

Gold is on the rise and Californian dentists and doctors, and some of their British counterparts in Knightsbridge and Harley Street, are back on the telephone asking the world's bullion houses "Is it all true?"

The question follows forecasts that the yellow metal is headed for \$1,000 an ounce - a thought proffered by gold gurn Miss Rhona O'Connell, of Shearson Lehman Hutton, who in a semi light-hearted article "looks back" from the threshold of the year 2000 at gold's performance in the 1990s. Her case rests on the prediction of "periods of panic" in the 1990s which she "predicts" took gold, albeit very briefly, to the \$1,000 mark "after

the oil market supply crunch mid-decade and the inflationary period that followed."

abroad yesterday and unavail- increase its stake to 20 per cent

able for comment. He has by purchasing shares in the

The London gold price yesterday was up \$1.40 at \$413.90 - and looking good. The perceived wisdom was that "the Russians are buying," which was all the dentists needed to hear to convince themselves that they should reach for the phone.

Then the computers were fed the latest price trends triggering off fresh buy signals, and by the time night had fallen in California and dawn broke in the Far East, the whisper had gone

round the world. Yesterday, even the sceptics were hard pressed to find anybody prepared to talk the gold price down. The consensus was that while a \$1,000 an ounce gold price by the mid-1990s

may at this point look fanciful, a trot to \$450, if not \$500 "fairly soon," is shops in Bangkok. He once saw them five deep. looking distinctly likely.

The simple-minded prefer to rely on the "more buyers than sellers" line at dinner parties to explain why gold should go up. But the latest wisdom is that the "Russian factor" is behind the recent surge, stemming in turn from general population disturbances in Eastern Europe.

There are as many fanciful theories about what moves gold as they there are forecasts.

Mr Julian Baring, of James Capel, was not only the creator of "the dinner at the Savoy" theory, which explains how many ounces of gold you need to dine, but also of the early 1980s theory that which equated the bullion price with the queues of Chinese at the gold

Mr Baring is not entirely thrown by

the \$1,000 an ounce thought - the improvement from the bottom of a bear market to the top of a bull market in gold has never been less than 75 per cent, he says. So since gold was thought to have bottomed last September at \$356.50, and since it has only risen by 15.6 per cent, ergo, it has further to go.

The dentists and doctors brigade should be taken seriously, bullion traders said yesterday, because they follow the professionals. The chartists follow the dentists, and the public follow the chartists.

Meanwhile, the phone lines are still busy around the world with the question "Is it all true?"

'No evidence MFA has protected jobs' By Our City Staff

Taxes on imported clothes tional arrangements, said Mr from developing countries Redwood. have done nothing to protect the British textiles industry, Mr John Redwood, junior trade and industry minister, told the Commons yesterday.

In a debate on the Multi-Fibre Arrangement, a complex system of import tariffs, he said higher productivity was the key to success.

"There is no evidence that the MFA has protected employment successfully."

If the MFA agreement was to be phased out after it

For the Opposition, Mr

Doug Henderson said that in the 11 months to November almost one fifth of Britain's manufacturing trade deficit had been in textiles.

"Economic instability in this country has undermined attempts to restructure. It is essential that Britain takes the lead in the EC in firm negotiations to renew the MFA after its expiry in 1991 and to

tighten up import quotas. "Otherwise imports will expired in 1991, there would continue to have a devastating have to be adequate transi- effect on the industry."

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Dow Jones industrial average dropped 35 points to 2,725.67 in early trading. Share prices had steadied at sharply lower levels after a report yesterday morning of a greater-thanexpected increase in US producer prices for December Declining issues greatly outnumbered rising ones.

Signs of rising inflation raised doubts that the Federal Reserve would ease its credit policy soon, traders said. The market was also depressed by a drop in the Tokyo and

New York had recently been volatile, directionless and was vulnerable to bearish news, traders said.

Sydney — The All-Ord-

inaries index finished 17.8 higher at 1,713.7. A spate of late buying carried the market to a sharply higher close after a day of solid demand from local and overseas investors. • Hong Kong - The Hang Seng index dropped 19:58 to 2,835.94 and the Hong Kong index lost 12:79 to 1,861.37. Prices closed lower in thin

• Frankfurt - The DAX is dex closed at 1,855.66, off 0.17 Straits Timer industrial index fell 6.90 to 1,559.17. STOCK MARKET

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47.6 off. The FT index of top ling wage claims after the 30 shares was 30.6 lower at rejection of Ford's 10.2 per

Securiguard, the security and cleaning services group, bucked

the trend, rising 4p to 280p – 24p up on the week – as the City continued to express "delight" at its \$17 million (£10.2 million) acquisition of Madison Building Services. Madison should help

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Tokyo plunge knocks London

recling by the shock waves from the sharp overnight fall in Tokyo where the Nikkei index tumbled 653 points.

It was a sad end to the threeweek New Year account which had seen share prices reach an all-time high of 2,466.2 on January 3, based on revived confidence in the British economy.

Market-makers made it clear from the start that they had no wish to absorb large volumes of stock and they went on the defensive by marking prices sharply lower. But the feared welter of selling failed to materialize. By the close of business, less than 600 million shares had been

Dealers reported a few buyers at the lower levels but they quickly disappeared when Wall Street opened sharply lower with the Dow Jones industrial average sliding 35 points. The FT-SE 100 index opened 15 points lower but by 4 pm had extended that fall to 37.4 at 2,380.5, having been

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boost its earnings by 28 per cent to about 30p a share in the current year. Pre-tax profits for 1989 — due next month — are expected to reach £6 million, with £9 million in store for 1990. The fall in Tokyo added to the depression of investors, workers. Government securities already worried about spiralwere, however, exempt from

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Double-figure losses were common among blue chips with ICI down 30p at £11.52, Glaxe 25p to 777p, Smithkline Beecham 15p to 595p, Grand Metropolitan 15p to 631p, Barclays Bank

12p to 556p and Gainness 14p

at 655p. Cable and Wireless fell 19p to 544p, still concerned about the dollar's recent weakness. The group earns much of its profits in the Far East where it has a controlling interest in Hong Kong Telecom and where business is transacted in dollars. Thera EMI slid 12p to cent pay offer by its 32,000 790p following a mention in this column. Some brokers believe that the price has started running ahead of events. British Gas was one of only two FT-SE constituents which managed to finish ahead, gaining lp to 227p. One institution is believed to

> on fundamentals with a yield of 10.5 per cent. The other was Lourbo, the international trading group headed by Mr Tiny Rowland,

which shrugged off the gloom

be a big buyer of stock because

it believes the shares are cheap

ished with gains stretching to close 6p up at 320p. Fund up their portfolios ahead of its full-year figures in the next account which are expected to

make impressive reading. Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and household products group, again lost ground, sliding 7p to 687p. It gave a presentation for analysts and fund managers on Wall Street this week to increase its US exposure. It is believed to

have made a favourable

impression. Talk in the Amsterdam stock market claims that Unilever is lining up an acquisition in the food industry which would be financed by an issue of new shares. Unilever has been quick to play down the reports but has not ruled out the idea altogether. The favourite target is Cadbury Schweppes, down 10p at 352p, where General Cinema of the US continues to hold a 17 per cent

The recently-privatized water stocks were not spared although they managed to close above their worst levels.

Michael Clark

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Crown sells Invicta stake to Southern

Crown Communications has put its money on Southern Radie in preference to Invicta Sound after the breakdown of "long, drawn-out" merger talks between the two radio stations. It sold its 15.3 per cent stake in Invicts to Southern for about \$2.4 million cash after the talks ground to a half.

Crown, which has radio, television and corporate communications interests, owns nearly 30 per cent of Southern. It will make about £1 million on the disposal.

LCC ahead at £58,000

The London Cremation Rank Organisation has Company lifted pre-tax profits from £48,000 to £58,000 in the six months to end-September, on turnover up from £377,000 to £413,000. There is no interim dividend. The company said the trading results were satisfactory, and it expects this trend to

Rank bingo club deals

nesses in Toronto, Canada. for £4.75 million and sold its six clubs in Scotland, which made profits of £200,000 last year, to Mecca for about 26 million. The Canadian clubs made profits of £1 million last year and are seen as a springboard for further growth in North America.

Builder's profit slides

South of England, remained unchanged at 125p, despite pre-tax profits down from Ir£9.16 million to Ir£427,000 (£406,666) at the interim stage to October. No dividend will be paid on earnings per share of Ir0.72p (Ir15.4p).

the Ir£18.7 million earned last year.

Healthcall

wins Air Call £3m cash buy The offer for Air Call, the paging and mobile radio company, by Healthcall Group, a management buy-out team, has gone unconditional after acceptances were received for 3.47 million shares, representing 93.18 per cent of the total. The offer was worth 241.5

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Laurence Prust, Abbey's broker, has cut its forecast for year-end profits by Ir£1 million to Ir£4 million compared with

Rentokil in

Rentokil Group, the environmental and property-care company, has acquired Thermochem, a Salisbury, Wiltshire, supplier of water less Holdings Group for 23.02 million cash. Rentokil's shares climbed 4p to 406p on the news.

Britain leads the way with US investments

the United States as any other months of 1989, the Washington-based Association for International Investment reported yesterday.

New British investment during that period was an estimated \$19.7 billion (£11.8 billion), 24 per cent more than 1988. The total book value of British investment in the US is now calculated at \$121.6 billion - 32.6 per cent of all foreign investment.

Leading the way was Beecham with its \$5.5 billion purchase of Smith Kline. The Mitsubishi Estate Company's three other biggest invest-ments were the completion of per cent stake in New York's

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> The scale of British investment in the US has so far attracted little comment, but the American media has given extensive coverage to Japanese investment, particularly Sony's \$3.4 billion purchase of Hollywood's Columbia Pictures last autumn and the

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He said there seemed to be

Japan is the second largest \$5.4 billion, less than the previous year, while its total investment had grown to only \$58.76 billion. Those figures did not include the Sony or Rockefeller purchases.

investors in the US are the Dutch, with a total book value of \$53.7 billion, the Canadians with \$28.4 billion, and the West Germans with \$25

However, the French more than tripled their investment during 1989 to \$5.3 billion for

lieved foreign investment would continue to grow rapidly during 1990 but warned that this would arouse latent American protectionism.

"We have already begun to see a flurry of activity in Congress in the last year," he

"These continued increases will certainly trigger a number of Congressional hearings in The three next biggest the near future and perhaps prompt the introduction of some protectionist bills."

The total book value of foreign investment in the US (\$372.7 billion) has now overtaken the book value of US investment abroad (\$349.1

Japan 'set to take | Plateau Mining Britain's IMF slot' placing next week

The Robertson Group's flota- which will be listed on Thurstion of its Plateau Mining day, January 18. Dealings are subsidiary will take place next due to begin the following week by a placing on the main week. The flotation is likely to market under the guidance of bring Robertson £5 million James Capel, the broker. Pis- cash be concentrated on its teau, which has mining finance interests in Zimbabwe, Ecuador and Cyprus, is exof about £18 million.

Robertson shareholders will be entitled to Plateau shares

natural resources consultancy

Mr John Clarke, finance director, says Robertson mining interests this year which could raise £10 million.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

Japan will probably achieve sion of the fund's resources, its goal of ousting Britain from the trigger for the chair-

Hashimoto, Japan's Finance little objection among major

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Tokyo's long struggle for a contribution to the fund to

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> Sir Michael Herries, Chairman speaking at the AGM of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group in Edinburgh on Thursday 11 January, 1990.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR ENDING **30 SEPTEMBER, 1989**

- Record operating profits of £336.5 million.
- 75% provision against LDC exposure.
- Annual dividend raised by 20%.
- Earnings per share before exceptional item increased by 10% to 29.4p per share.
- Shareholders' funds increased to £1,410.7 million.
- 27% balance sheet growth to £27.4 billion.

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FAMILY MONEY

Janet Walford explains the latest development on policy charges

SIB rules simplify life insurance statements

difficult for the average person to tell just how much of his or her savings in a life policy had been removed in insurance company charges. This has made many wary of being "ripped off" by spurious claims. But new rules coming soon will tell exactly how much of money is being

The Securities & Invest-ments Board (SIB), which governs the sale of all types of savings and investment plans, has been considering various methods of comparing charges and has come up with a simple solution. From April, all life and pensions policies will have to show what their charges cost as a percentage reduction in the rate of investment return. This is called a reduction in yield.

It applies to all policies offering a savings element such as the safe, conventional "with profits" plans - which add regular bonuses - as well as to the more risky but potentially more rewarding "unit linked" plans, where the

client chooses.

Unit-linked plans have always stated their charges in often offer better rates of their brochures but they can be fiendishly complicated to understand. For example, performance, as well as some companies offer to invest 105 per cent of a client's money. If this sounds too good to be true, it is. Life companies are not charities, They can offer such incentives because they are taking out charges elsewhere. The new system should stop all this confusion_

For example, on the new basis, a person will be able to see that over a 10-year period, the effect of charges on the average life policy means a

underlying fund which the compares with the charges made by building societies and of course life policies return than building societies because of their investment

> providing life cover. The only good way to make a comparison is to consult one charges, because their level of of the definitive league and performance tables produced the financial magazines. But these often run to many pages and may deal with indreds of companies.

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But a word of caution Where a life office is cheaper, it may be because it is more efficient operationally. Other life offices may have higher service and investment management performance is

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These incomplete statements are the result of a all of them were affected: "A computer fault on December sizeable number are listed as 15 which affected purchases made up to 10 days earlier. Shoppers, who cannot account for all the charges logged on their statements, are asked by Barclaycard to write in to its head office requesting that the transactions concerned be tracked back to the individual

A spokeswoman for Barclaycard, which has nine million credit card holders, said: "There was a bug in the system on December 15 which meant that many thousands of transactions were processed without the narrative details. It is the first time it has happened in 25 years.

"Most people affected will be able to check the statetheir against Barclaycard vouchers. If they

Tracing the transactions could take some time and it is therefore better if cardholders do not telephone Barclaycard, the continued. She added that about one million transactions went through the sys-tem on December 15 and not purchase in UK. Because of delays in vouch-

ers reaching Barclaycard's Northampton centre during the pre-Christmas rush, it will be more difficult than usual to identify some of the transactions. Two separate purchases made in Harrods in London on Tuesday December 5 were among the mystery items processed on Friday December 15 on one state-

Apart from the computer error credit card companies may list transactions in this coded way if a card is reported missing. In some cases, where vouchers are processed by banks other than the card issuer, transactions can also be billed as "purchase in the Jon Ashworth reports on the borrowing wisdom of today's cheaper mortgages

New fixed 11.95% home loans discard redemption penalties

rates has led two lenders to launch schemes this week fixing interest rates at under 13 per cent. A further package will be offered next week and others are in the pipeline.

A mortgage fixed at 11.95 per cent for the full 25-year term is to be launched on Monday by an American lender, which is setting up in the UK for the first time.

Bear Stearns Home Loans will have no redemption penalty for borrowers who change lender when interest rates fall but there is an "option" fee of 3 per cent of the loan charged at the outset.

Early redemption penalties have been the main drawback of fixed-rate schemes. Lenders charge up to two years' in-terest to borrowers who change lender before the fixedprice loan term has expired. This means that when interest rates fall, home buyers can find themselves locked-in.

Unlike other banks, Bear Stearns is keen to cover the whole mortgage market and not just larger loans. The minimum is only £16,000, and up to £500,000 may be

required. The "option" would add £900 to the cost of a £30,000 mortgage and could be added to the loan or paid as a one-off fee. Miss Marcia Myerberg, who helped set up The Mortgage Corporation in 1986, is managing director of the new company. She said £185 million had been set aside for the fixed-rate plan on offer until the end of January.

"We wanted to launch something which would appeal to all borrowers, rather than restricting it to the wealthy," said Miss Myerberg. "We intend to be a leader in the UK market, and that means introducing innovation as well as fresh capital."

Potential customers have to apply for a mortgage through a panel of introducers - The LAS Group, Norwich Union, Royal Life, Sun Alliance and John Charcol, the specialist mortgage broker. The loan can be interest-only or linked to a pension or endowment plan. London-based First Mort-

gage Securities (FMS) this week launched a fixed-rate plan pegging the rate at 12.65 per cent for 10 years. The downside is a heavy penalty



US lender: Marcia Myerberg of Bear Stearns Home Loans two years' worth of interest, to transfer the loan to their The idea of this plan is clearly to stay in for the whole term.

Mr Nicholas Deutsch, managing director of FMS. said the mortgage could be transferred to the next buyer of the property and would add to its value: "In the next few months we will see more emphasis being shifted towards the borrowers. Lenders will take their fee up-front. leaving the clients in control."

next home, the transfer fee being £195.

The Mortgage Corporation has launched a Stabiliser plan with the rate fixed at 12.5 per cent for the whole term of the loan. Any interest deferred while real rates are higher will be repaid when the rate is lower than 12.5 per cent.

A safety valve has been built in to stop too much deferred Borrowers can also choose extra interest increases the

standard variable rate will be imposed. At this stage, how-ever, a new Stabiliser plan could be started if there is enough equity.

Mr Colin Millar, marketing director, said that over a long enough period, borrowers should end up with little or no deferred interest to pay: "Taking 12.5 per cent as the average long-term mortgage rate, there is no reason why the amount of deferred interest won't cancel itself out over time." The new fixedrate schemes have one thing in common - interest must stay above, or near, 12 per cent in the long term to make them worthwhile. But according to the Halifax Building Society, the average rate over the last 30 years has been a mere 9.8 per cent. Over 20 years it was 11.4 per cent and it is only in the last decade that 12.8 per cent became the norm.

During the 1960s, interest rates were only 6.75 per cent on average, and in the 1970s they worked out at 10.1 per cent. A low fixed-rate mortgage may seem like a good idea when true rates are high when true rates are high interest from building up. If but less so 10 years from now,

Separate taxation moves into first gear

Next week married couples should begin to find out how much better off they will be under independent taxation when it begins in April.

Millions of tax codes for the tax year beginning April 6 will start being despatched by the Inland Revenue on Tuesday, The codes, which tell people how much they can earn before paying tax, will give all married women their own personal tax allowance to be set against either wages or interest earned on savings.

An estimated eight out of 10 pensioner couples should be better off. Under independent taxation, any state pension paid in respect of a wife will be counted as hers, even when based on the husband's national insurance contributions. Where the wife has less than £1,500 in other income there will be no tax to pay on the pension, which means if the husband pays tax at the basic rate his tax bill will be reduced by about £6 a week. Higher rate taxpayers will be £10

Elderly wives will also receive an age allowance for the first time, which they can use against any kind of income so allowing couples to each earn £11,400 before the age allowance is reduced.

Couples, who have elected for separate taxation of earnings under the current system and foregone the married man's tax allowance, will have under independent taxation a married couple's allowance allocated to the husband so making them about £12 a week better off.

Tax codes are being issued to people whose position will change significantly as a result of the new system, so the correct tax can be deducted from their pay or pension.

Independent taxation is intended to ensure that married couples are not worse off than unmarried couples living together. It also gives women privacy in their tax affairs for the first time.

Until April 5 interest on a married woman's savings are taxed at her husband's top tax rate. From April 6 hundreds of thousands of married women will become non-taxpavers.

Eurotunnel investors' sweetener hopes

keeping their fingers crossed that there will be a sweetsmer to accompany the company's much heralded rights issue. Shareholders will be eaked

some time this year to provide 25 per cent of the additional finance needed to meet cost over-sum. It looks as if a total £1.2 billion will be raised, with £300 million from shareholders. Eurotunnel though, may allow itself some leeway against further costs by ting shareholders with a bill for £350-400 million equivalent to about £1 for each unit aiready held.

shareholders, who bought stock when the commany was floated in November 1987 and who hold on until the crosschannel tunnel opens in June 1993, will qualify for the trips for £1 a car per single

The terms ganounced in the pre-flotation prospectes were one return trip in the first year for 100 units held; one return trip per year for 10 years for 500 units; two return trips a year until 2042 for 1,000 units; and an unlimited number of trips until 2042 for 1,500

1987 prices when the tunnel opens. The travel privilege details of the rights issue are Eurotunnel may need

offer extra travel perks to tempt investors to put up more cash. However, if sufficient institutions are prepared to underwrite the new issue, despite the uncertaintles created by this week's wrangle with the banks, then Eurotunnel will not need any such market-

Shareholders must wait for details of the new share issue before deciding whether it is

worth taking up their rights. Attractions Eurocomet's running costs are projected at only 25 per cent of revenue once the tunnel is open and the company will be operating a

Drawbacks: there are mounting debts and there will be no revenue until June 1993 or later if opening is delayed.

With banking facilities al-ready topping 21 billion, a 1 per cent change in interest rates this year would add or subtract £1 million a year on with the figures escalating

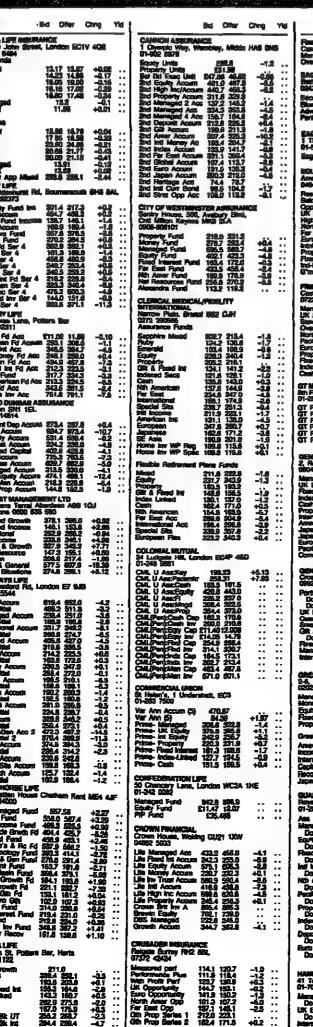
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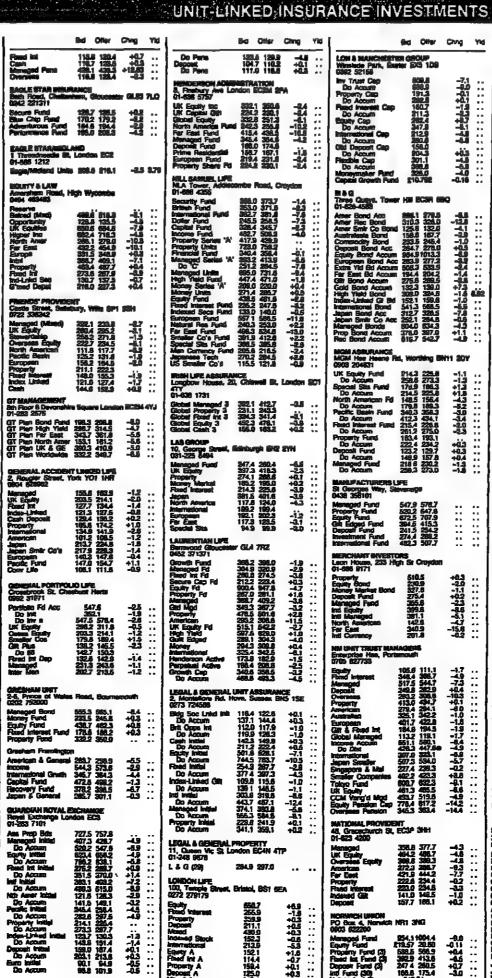
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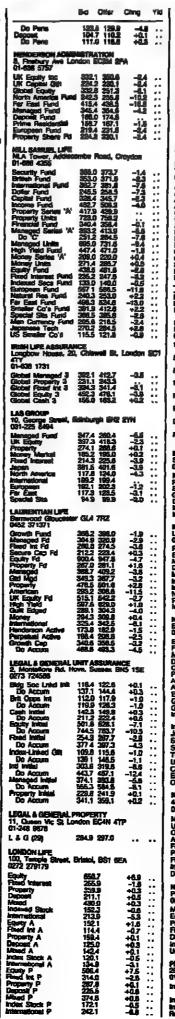
of the total tunnelling needed, had been completed. The service tunnel, once six months behind schedule, is now less than two mouths adrift but is due for completion by November 1990. The French are ahead on their portion of the train rampels while the British are behind. Construction of tunnels is scheduled for at June 1993 opening date.

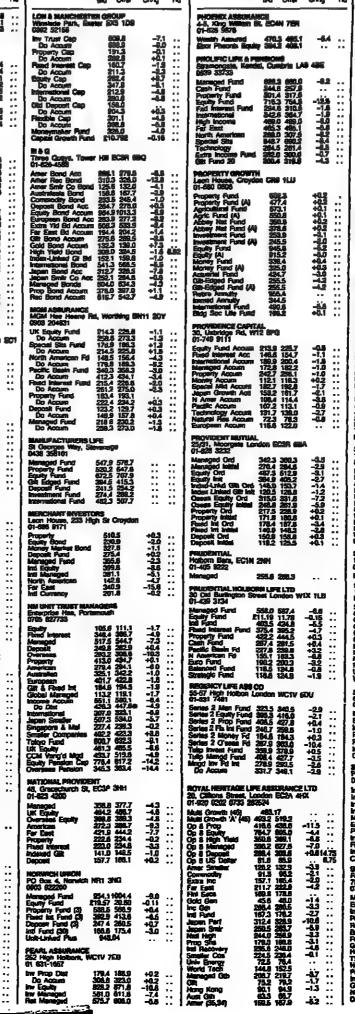
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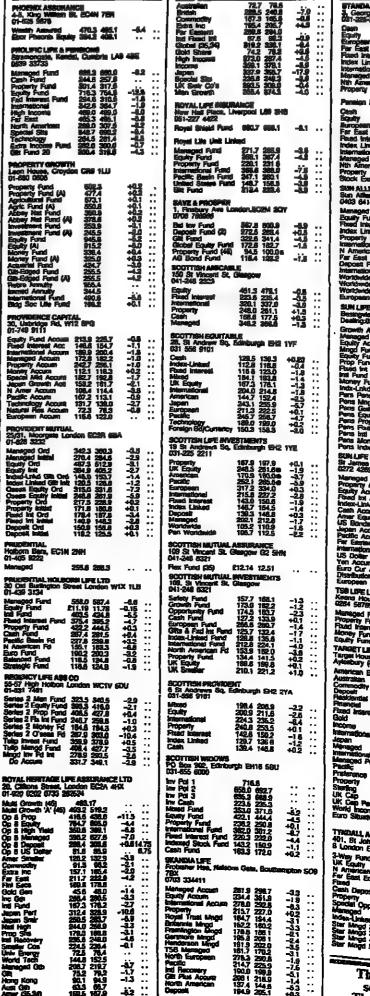
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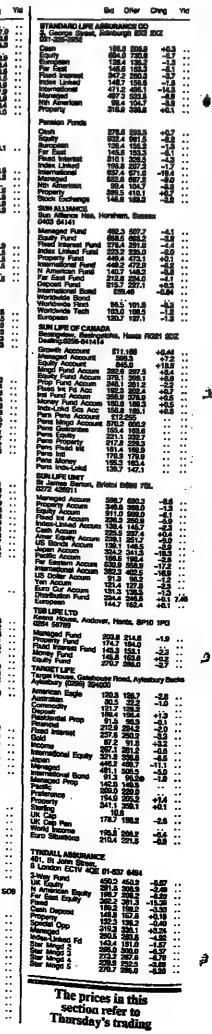












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FAMILY MONEY

Open-all-hours home banking set to expand

The 1990s could be the decade in which home banking in Britain finally finds its feet.

After several false starts, the idea of a bank without branches that can deliver services 24 hours a day, seems ready to take off.

The point was driven home late last year with the launch of First direct, the telephone banking subsidiary of the Midland Bank

First direct customers pay in their money by post, direct credit or through the Midland Bank. They receive a cash card which can be used at any Midland or TSB cash machine. Mrs Jan Smith, the marketing director, said: "We are getting a steady stream of calls from six in the morning to one at night. By the end of 1990 we hope to have 100,000 customers and to be in profit by the end of 1991."

One person using the service at night is Mrs Jane Crocket of Chelmsford, who said: "I suppose it's really lazy banking. I do all the finances in our family and in the past it's been a bit of an effort to get into town, park the car and so on if I needed to go to the bank. Now I can do it all on the phone."

While First direct may still be finding its way, TSB's



Nerve centre: the central control offices of Midland Bank's First direct home service

people have signed up.

They include Mr Geoff Dawe, a council officer in Sunderland, who said: "The great advantages are that you can keep a tab on your account at all times and bank without quening. It doesn't worry me that I'm talking to a computer and not a person."

As many as five million of the UK's 30 million present

banking, according to research

In a recent report on electronic banking. Mintel found most consumers were against the idea of banking from home. Only 16 per cent said they were in favour, while 23 per cent said they were resigned to the fact that it would grow in popularity. Some 54 per cent were actively opposed

The high street banks could

has been up and running for to take the plunge into home take some encouragement two years. So far 220,000 banking according to research from the fact that it is the younger generation which anpears to be most in favour of the new system.

They can also take heart from the lesson of automatic cash dispensers. Ten years ago, these holes in the wall were treated with utmost suspicion and distaste. Now. 70 per cent of all cash is withdrawn from them.

Hugh Thompson

Bleak 1990s prospect for elderly

to the idea.

The must decade will not be a resource to improve the basic tion born in 1925 — those just golden age for the retired, writes Hugh Thompson. The rising number of old people, the inadequacy of many occupational pensions, the lack of government resolve or

A KENTENDERKE PRESER **EVERY WOMAN** SHOULD CLAIM IT AS HER RIGHT 'Women and Money 1990'



pension and the inability of many to restize the equity in their homes, will all make life increasingly hard for Britain's

These are the serry couclesions of a new report by Professor Nick Bosanquet of the University of London and Dr Carol Propper of the gages University of Bristol. grandpo

"Although the well-off 28 per cent will increase in numbers and continue to enjoy life, thase who rely just on the m will contime to have a hard time," says the report. "The new factor is the middle group with modest occupational pensions

The report classifies the top 20 per cent of pensioners as having a joint income of more hand of 40 per cent with £150 a

coming up for retirement — may have benefitted from high employment and increased coverage of occupational pensions but have suffered a reversal since the early 1970s. Far from showing increased wealth as families lose depen-

dent children, pay off mort-gages and inherit inherit grandparents' estates, most incomes have peaked by the

have only a third of their peak income on which to live. People who have recently retired have more investments and better pensions than their immediate seniors but the differences are fairly small. In general, the over-75-year-olds in the 1990s will not be markedly better off than these

While more than 70 per cent week and the lowest group of newly retiring pensioners

> investment of £1,000 in a Building Society over the last five years would now be worth £1,453*. An unspectacular climb of less than 46%. Over the same

period, the Murray Investment Trusts would have, on average, reached the higher peak of £2.847*.

A hike of over 184%. Four times greater.

intal value is lost became this horome removes entitlement to the state's means-tested benefits. Over balf of occupational pensioners experienced this pensions trap" which for more than a quarter means having 70 per cent of the value of their pension swallowed up.

Many have pointed to the increased vigour of the retired and to increased labour shortages as indicating more employment prospects for pensioners who want to work. However official statistics do not bear this out. They show that as anemployment has falles in all age groups, it has rises for men between the ages of 55 and 65 years old.

The Bosanquet/Propper re-port concludes that unless economic growth over the next decade is very rapid and there is a political will to distrib



With over 1,200 unit trusts available and more being launched each month, how do you know which to choose? In reality there are only three basic types of unit trust. M&G has an outstandingly

RECOVERY FUND for capital growth

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- DIVIDEND FUND for increasing income
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The price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

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Charles Kersley sounds a warning about overseas 'goldmines'

East European exodus threatens expat options

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Recent political changes in Eastern Europe could have a far-reaching impact on job prospects for Britons seeking

Limited scope for skilled people is already apparent and will be followed by highergrade opportunities as hunger for technology transfer grows, say expatriate employment experts. In the short-term, the outlook may be bright as infrastructure expands to serve the forecast upsurge in consumer goods demand.

Within 10 years, however, the former communist nations will not only be competing successfully overseas but "will have ended Japan's domination of world markets," according to Mr Keith Edmonds, chairman of Finchfords, owners of the Expats International

He believes the need for Western expertise will by then have dwindled, while nationals of the countries con-cerned will flood into the expat labour market, prepared to work for less pay than British stuff.

The current influx of skilled labour from East to West Germany provides a foretaste of the expected extra competitiveness for jobs. Many migrants will be candidates for the million or more jobs which the Single European Market is expected to create. In the countdown to 1992,

continental Europe providing being paid £20,000 annually East, regions traditionally they are experienced, degree here would receive up to seen as expat "goldmines" but qualified, and equipped to £28,000 in Holland or West now becoming less attractive operational" level at least in This means being fluent enough to carry out business -

something which can usually be achieved with about 10 director can gain a 20 per cent weeks' full-time tuition. improvement on his British British engineers of all discome in the £30,000-£50,000 bracket.

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ciplines, sales and marketing managers, and information technology experts are highly regarded on the Continent, according to Mr Tony Smith, managing director of Inter-national Training & Recruitment Link. They are in demand in Belgium, the Netherlands and West Gerabove-average chances in many. An electrical engineer doors in the Middle and Far living costs compared with Nexus, 01-761 2575.

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here would receive up to seen as expat "goldmines" but £28,000 in Holland or West now becoming less attractive Germany. A middle-rank or less easily accessible marketing executive on through the growing reliance £18,000-£20,000 in Britain on local staff "indigenization" can earn £25,000-£32,000 a year on the Continent, while a general manager or managing

Computing and data-pro-cessing skills are effectively passports to opportunities world-wide, along with the medical, nursing, pharmacy and physiotherapy profes-

Such skills continue to open

relatively lower rewards, or

Nexus, the recently sunched overseas jobs magazine, quotes the instance of a earning £18,000 pa in Saudi £25,000 for a similar post in London. "Expats are looking at the home market again, declared Miss Sheila Hare, the

Rising salaries and low

reasons for this turnaround. Britain comes 59th in the list of 70 countries in the purchasing league table for a "shop-ping basket" of essentials, according to a global survey by Employment Conditions

Iran is the costliest country, followed by Japan, Finland, Zaire, Norway and China (the least expensive nation 10 years ago, but now 84 per cent dearer than Britain). Australia and the US are 25 and 23 per cent respectively more expensive than Britain. Argentina, South Africa and India are 19-24 per cent cheaper.

If Europe is flagged as the next expat Eldorado, this does not deny the continued availability of worthwhile postings in developing states such as Kenya - where oil extraction is starting - Libya and Brunei.

Many openings also exist in Hong Kong at least until the handover in 1997.

A worthwhile posting is one restrictive employment polthat provides high pay, low or no taxation, free or subsidized accommodation, all air fares and medical care, enabling the expat to bank up to 90 per cent of his or her earnings.

One-third of Expats International's members each manage to save £15,000 a year, and 10 per cent hold cash assets totalling a minimum of

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Addressing the credit blacklist problem.

So many people have been victims of the system that allows debts to be recorded against addresses and not es that the Data Protection Registrar is to order a stop to the

Credit reference agencies often tore clients' records of customers' credit ratings

refused credit by a store because of money owed by a previous occupant of

The Data Protection Registrar has

take action. As he considers the practice to be unfair and as such a breach of the Data Protection Act, he intends to issue enforcement notices to the agencies to stop using this method. of recording debt and credit details.

The agencies can contest the notices et a tribunal, which would make a binding decision - probably setting a

However, an agency that ignores the notice would be committing a criminal

tion Registrar's office says: "Often it was still on the file in late 1988, when is only when somebody gets a copy of . It temperarily barred the customer his own file from the agency that he from receiving instant credit at a large

Many consumers do not question credit refusal but a copy of an agency's file usually costs only £1 and must be supplied on request. A centomer who was told that debt

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1984 to the CCN Systems agency. The debt was actually cleared at

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Conal Gregory checks out what is on offer to protect holidaymakers' interests

Compulsory insurance clouds sunny prices of package deals

holiday had better watch out. Those unbeatable holiday deals may not be quite what they seem, especially after all the hidden extras have sur-

The sting in the tail with most of the offers is the high price of the compulsory insurance. Depending upon the cost of the overall holiday and the number of people travelling on it, it may be better to arrange the insurance through a broker, bank or building society, or to take out a policy for more than one holiday in the year. There several deals

A T Mays will give a cash reduction of £50 per person on bookings that cost £1,000 or more per person. The discount falls to £15 on £700 or over plus a three-piece travel pack or four-piece luggage set. Even bookings worth £500-plus qualify for the travel pack or luggage. In addition, each person need only pay £25 deposit to secure the booking. The Midland Bank travel arm, Thomas Cook, similarly

on the market.

by Eagle Star insurer, Home holidaymaker is benefitting count with Co-op Travel. This from one of their discounts. is £10 on £100 holiday, £15 on The cost is £19.45 for 14 to 17

Thomas Cook has four reductions on offer. £60 for Faraway holidays, £50 where the individual cost is £750 or more, £25 on £400 or more, and £15 where £250 each is traveller, no deposit is re- pay £13.15 and £16 quired until March 1.

The only upfront fee is the and £21.60 for 18 to 21 days. Children can be covered for £15.25 and £18.40 for each respective period. ■ The insurance, arranged

through Home and Overseas, costs £18 for a 10-17 days holiday in Europe or £21.50

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£250 and £25 on £400 plus. days in Europe and £20.75 for A two-tier discount is 18 to 24 days. There is no available through Hogg discount for children over two Robinson - £25 off per bookng up to £398 and £50 over this sum on selected brochures. The range includes Intersun, Redwing, Falcon, Cosmos and Yugotours. Their compulsory insurance, and £15 where £250 each is through Sun Alliance, is spent, all discounts being £17.50 on 10 to 17 day trips quoted on a per person basis.

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respectively. Bishopsgate Insurance is insurance premium which is compulsory with Lunn Poly, £17.95 to cover 14 to 17 days and costs £18.95 for 11 to 17 days and £22.95 on 18 to 24 days with no reductions for children over two years old. For holidays after April 1 through to October 31, discounts start at £5 per person up to £99, rising to £75 off on

per person for 18 to 31 days. Pickfords uses Commercial Surprisingly, there is no dis-Union and charges £18 for 13 Pickfords uses Commercial

half-price for child premiums. A low deposit of £25 and discounts of £20 to £100 on holidays of £900 plus are offered

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Some operators are quoting special deals whether the holidaymaker books direct or via an agent. Cosmos is offering both a complimentary car phone with no fee for either the installation or aerial through Midas Communications and deposits of £5. Tel 061-480-5799.

It may be better, however, to purchase holiday insurance elsewhere. In this event, check rates out before signing the booking form as most operators insist that equal or better benefits are in force with an insurer at the time the holiday booking is effected through an agent or operator

Cornhill Insurance, for example, quotes just £16.80 for 9 to 17 days in Europe and £25.40 for 18 to 23 days with half rates for children two to 15 years old. They also have a

family rate for two adults and £21.60 for 18 to 24 nights with up to four children of three times the single adult

premium.

Bradford & Bingley Building Society operates a competitive rate through General Accident. Since most home insurance policies cover for items such as cameras and jewellery when they are taken on holiday, it is sensible not to insure the same items twice over. Bradford & Bingley quotes £11.11 on 10 to 17 days in Europe and £14 to £19 for 18 to23 days if baggage cover is deleted. For 2-15 year olds, the premium rates are £5.56

and £7.10 respectively.

ABTA has its own policies underwritten by Municipal Insurance. Its Silver Travel costs £13.65 and £18.45 for 11 to 17 and 18 to 31 Europea days and Gold cover £16.60 and £22.10 for increased

Check that policies are comprehensive. Many exclude the first £50 for claims and do not offer compensation for flight delays until 12 hours has been spent at an airport.

Gas plan takes heat out of bills

to its "budget payment" plan has produced record levels of

It claims to be signing up 10,000 people a week for the scheme, which allows customers to even out gas payments over the year in fixed monthly instalments.

Under the plan, British Gas makes estimates of customers' annual gas consumption, based on a series of factors for example, the size of the home, the number of people in residence, their employment status (jobs take people away from the home and therefore reduce gas consumption) and past use.

But British Gas stresses that information is given voluntarily. "We don't like to pry," said a spokesman, "but the more information we have, the better estimate we

can make. Adjustments are periodi-cally made to the estimate based on a meter reading, just as with quarterly payments. British Gas says it has no statistics on what percentage of gas bills are over-estimated.

By putting off payment on winter bills until the summer, participants in the scheme may get a slight time value

A new British Gas advertising advantage on their money campaign to attract customers provided the bills are not significantly over-estimated.

Not surprisingly, the biggest demand for the plan is in the But the time advantage is

ments under the plan are monthly rather than quarterly. British Gas says one of the scheme's main advantages is it makes it easier to plan house-

reduced by the fact that instal-

hold budgets. It claims the plan will reduce the level of disconnections due to unpaid bills. "We hope," said Mr Brian Sellers, assistant director of accounting services at British Gas, that the advertising will encourage people who think they might have difficulties to

talk to us. "We'll do our best to find a suitable method of payment. Of course, it is better if customers contact us as soon as possible."

The budget payments advertising campaign is part of a long-term British Gas effort to reduce the level of disconnections and thereby improve public relations. The company claims disconnec-tions are down 50 per cent on

Victoria Griffith

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The Abbey estimates that 8,000 people will build their own homes this year.

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FAMILY MONEY

Rodney Hobson on the problems of bankruptcy proceedings

Creditors recover more with voluntary schemes

A record number of debtors will be pursued to bankruptcy this year and a record number of creditors will probably find that their thirst for revenge is given greater satisfaction than their pocket.

During the 1970s between 3,000 and 4,000 individuals were declared bankrupt each year. The average since 1981 has been 7,000, and the figures

Last year the sorry toll topped 8,000, while 9,000 seems well within reach for 1990 given continuing high

which took effect at the yearend make taking a debtor through bankruptcy proceedings less remunerative for the

The 1986 Insolvency Act ruled that bankrupts, who have made a clean breast of things and co-operated with officials, will be discharged three years from the day the bankruptcy order was made. Bankrupts formerly had to wait a minimum of five years.

An estimated 25,000 discharges became automatic at the end of December.

The discharge wipes the slate clean: outstanding debts, tax arrears and even court costs can no longer be claimed unless fraud was involved. The one exception is that assets held at the time of discharge can still be disposed of later and the proceeds distributed among creditors.

The discharge also removes restrictions imposed on a bankrupt. He cannot obtain more than £250 credit without disclosing that he is a bankrupt; he cannot be a company director, he cannot hold certain offices under the Local Government Act; and he cannot be an MP or solicitor.

May I suggest some sort of voluntary arrangement?

useful dividend in some bankruptcies, the cost of the proceedings falls on the estate and the official receiver takes

Mr John McQueen, secretary of the Association of alike is a voluntary arrange-Bankrupts, claims that, on ment instead of going bank-average, costs swallow posts. per cent of a debtor's assets. The bankruptcy machine

feeds itself," he complains. One point on which creditors are better off under the new rules is that they can force the sale of the family home 12 months after the bankruptcy order, even if this breaks up

the debtor's family. Mr McQueen says: "Under the old act the court had discretion to delay the sale of the home and that discretion was often used when there were small children.

"I remember one case of a 15-year delay where a woman

her husband has gone all creditors. As a safeguard, bankrupt."

Often the most fruitful course for debtor and creditor offer, such as to pay so much in the pound in full settlement of outstanding debts or to postpone payments until an asset can be realized.

Anyone in financial trouble can attempt to make a voluntary arrangement to stave off bankruptcy.

Where an individual applies to make himself bankrupt, the court will try to set up a voluntary arrangement if debts are no more than £20,000 and assets £2,000 or be avoided.

The creditors vote on

Ireland you cannot force a be in favour otherwise the wife to sell the home because scheme cannot be imposed on court approval is also

> Even a voluntary arrange ment can be costly, working out at £1,000 to £4,000 depending on how complex the case is.

About 200 voluntary arrangements were set up in 1987 under the new Insolvency Act and the figure rose to 800 last year, still only about 10 per cent of the level

Mr McQueen says: "Very few people know about voluntary arrangements. Many accountants and solicitors are just not aware of it. A large number of bankruptcies could

"Research suggests that voluntary arrangements leave whether to accept an offer. Of creditors 10 per cent better off those voting, 75 per cent in than they would have been in terms of money claimed must bankruptcy procedures."

F&C tops league of general trusts

Foreign & Colonial has come out top of a league for general

It joins the ranks of Alliance, Globe and Murray International as the ones to watch in the 1990s, according to a review, published today, of the largest trusts by County NatWest WoodMac.

It compares the "Big Thir-teen" trusts, and gives Foreign & Colonial a standing ovation enthusing: "This is the blue chip, the one to beat.

"Foreign & Colonial is the company you buy because you believe in the management and in their continued ability to spot market and currency

While Alliance emerges as "a sound bet" for investors keen on Britain and the US, Globe wins points for being large, diversified and surprisingly versatile".

Murray Johnstone, while, has scored something of a coup. "How do you satisfy a UK bear/US and Euro bull while providing a 5 per cent yield? The answer is buy Murray International."

Although past performance is the would benchmark in such surveys, County has taken matters further. Personality and management record are just as important, it says,

especially for the large trusts. We are trying to highlight that these trusts can vary substantially," said Mr Hamish Buchan, County director. "Ten years ago they all had similar holdings. Today, they are all trying to develop characters of their own.

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"We are saying there is a big difference between buying one trust and another," said Mr Buchan. "A trust investing in a boom sector may do well whatever the quality of the management.

County recently predicted that investment trusts would find new favour with private investors in the 1990s.

"If we are correct in this then the biggest single market will be good, dependable, belanced total return trusts offering a diversified spread of

A typical general trust port-folio has 58 per cent in Britain, 20 per cent in North America, 9 per cent each in Japan and Europe, and 4 per cent in other Par Eastern markets. The big 13 are: Alliance,

& UVERSE Assets, Edinburgh Investment, Pleming Oversess, For-eign & Colonial, Globe, Govett Strategic, Murray International, Scottish Eastern, Scottish Investment, Scottish Mortgage and Witan. Whitechurch Securities of Bristol has launched the Warrant Account, focusing on highly volatile warrants of split capital investment trusts. There is a 6 per cent fee and an annual management charge of 10 per cent of gains, plus VAT. £2,000.

Jon Ashworth

Barclays keeping gifts on the cards

spent using the card. Points can then be used to claim gifts.

The current scheme ends next month, and no points will be given in March and April, Cardholders have until the end of April to claim gifts, but unused points can be put into the next scheme, starting with the May statements.

The present catalogue's 5,000 redemptions each - are a portable telephone, a per-sonal stereo, a coffee-maker

and a cordless screwdriver.

Barclaycard has announced intered in the scheme have that it will be running its claimed gifts, which have a Profiles scheme for a third minimum price of 150 points. users one point for every £10 the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Tthis week, Barclays Bank handed it

Mr Richard Reay-Smith, managing director of Barclays Card Services, said: The two schemes have generated additional turnover on Barclaycard running into hundreds of millions of pounds as customers have used their most popular gifts - with over card in preference to cash, cheques or a rival card."

Midland Bank has decided to end its points-for gifts plan. Its Access cardholders are

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Misleading claims for home loan rates under scrutiny



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once a new set of rules are brought into play by the Department of Trade and

But there is much disquiet that they will be difficult to enforce because of a lack of

The policing of consumer credit agencies has always been undertaken by local authority trading standards officers and now that the law has en strengthened, their workload will be heavier.

Mortgage brokers are licensed to trade under the Consumer Credit Act 1976, the licences being issued by it is up to trading standards officers to enforce the terms of

Mr John Corfield, chairman of the Fair Trading Com-mittee of the Institute of Trading Standards Admin-(ITSA), the proistration body representing trading standards officers, said: "I have not heard of any money being put up for the



for a shake-up next month. In fact, trading standards officers are increasingly leaving the profession for industry.

According to Mr Corfield, local authorities are now training officers on the application of the new regulations, but initially "we want to deal with brokers who are ignorant of the new requirements" rather than those who deliberately flout the law.

The number of prosecutions is not going to rise because we do not have the people to do it," he said. Advertisements for deferred

interest loans have been appearing in popular and local newspapers for some time.

They offer, for instance, icens at 5 per cent over four years without indicating that he outstanding interest over those four years would be added into the remaining term of the mortgage. This would mean a herty increase in monthly repayments once the loan entered its fifth year.

These advertisements often do not carry the annual percentage rate (APR) either.

Loan advertisements will, from February, have to be much clearer about the true cost of mortgages and must example about loans secured against a person's home and about foreign currency loans for which monthly payments are affected by fluctuations in the value of currencies.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders believes that no interest rate featured in an advertisement should be given more prominence than the

It is also concerned that some mortgage intermediaries state, in advertisements for loans, that they are members of Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers, and Brokers Regulatory Associ-

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Fimbra because it does not come within the scope of the Financial Services Act. Fimbra is concerned about the use of its logo in this context and has called for mortgage broking to come

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within the scope of the Financial Services Act. The problem for Fimbra is that its membership rules cover the selling of pensions and endowment policies, which is normal investment business, but these are fre-

quently linked to mortgages. On this link, Fimbra can exercise no power within the terms of the Act. However, according to the Securities and Investments

Board, self-regulating organizations can change their rules on conditions of membership not covered by the Financial Services Act, provided the membership agrees

Such changes would have to ensure that authorized dealers conducted business generally in a "fit and proper" way, in which case mortgage advice and mortgage quotation from, say, a Fimbra member, would be subject to the rules of

"We have been looking at the use of our logo in press advertising," said a spokes-man, "and we are considering a change to association rules in February. To coincide with the launch

of the DTI's regulations next month, the Office of Fair Trading is to mount a publicity campaign and to issue Advertisement and Quotations Regulations 1989 - to trading standards officers, advertising agencies, newspapers and mortgage brokers.

Margaret Leslie

Lenders put clamp on brokers who use false advertising

vertisements promising mortgages at absurdly low rates of

mortgage brokers promising rates as low as 7 or 8 per cent, when the true rate may be double the smoons. To give mortgage advertis-

ing a better name, the industry has taken matters into its own

dards Association (FISA) was set up by a group of lenders last year to encourage mort-gage and credit brokers to raise their standards.

FISA hopes that by refusing to accept business from offending brokers, lenders will force them to step into line. Mr Ron Basher, the chairman, said such action was the only way of stamping out mislead-ing advertising. "We feel this is the only way of regulating the sector. Brokers should comply with our advertising code or we won't provide them

Mr Basher said the way in which home improvement loans were sold often left a lot to be desired. "All sorts of comical advertisements are coming out. Our concern is that clients should get what they see advertised."

Mr Jim Harper, FISA's general secretary, said mort-gage brokers often used de-ferred interest schemes to quote deceptively low rates of interest. A £50,000 mortgage at a rate of interest of 15 per cent may have some of the

Consumers have been caught interest deferred for the first out time and again by ad- year and added to the loan year and added to the loan later on. A borrower would pay £300 a month in interest instead of £500, suggesting the

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interest rate was far lower. He added: "The Government has been urged to police advertising more closely. We've gone a step further by encouraging our members to get their own house in order."

Through its members, FISA has a say over nearly 90 per cent of the business generated by mortgage broker advertising. It represents the Corporation of Finance Brokers along with the unio secured lenders like Provincial Bank, First National Bank, and Sterling Bank & Trost.

The Building Societies Association has regularly called on the Government to take a tougher stand on misleading advertising by intermediaries. Mr Mark Boleat, BSA director general, said there had been an encouraging fall in the amount of misleading advertising, but gave warning of related problems.

"The advertising is often just the tip of the iceberg. What bothers us far more is what some brokers may do to them into their offices."

Mortgage advertising falls mder the Consumer Credit Act, and has slipped through services legislation. The Government is likely to take a tougher stand once the new rules come in to play.

Jon Ashworth

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Jon Ashworth stalks winners among the Tiger economies

Walls of cash seeking a roof

As the world ponders the fate of Hong Kong's boat people, businessmen there are facing their own financial dilemma: who will take over the Far East's financial crown when the colony is no more.

As 1997 looms nearer, international eyes will be scanning the likes of Singapore, Bang-kok and Taipei in an attempt to pin down the best haven for their money.

The fact has not escaped the

unit and investment trusts which target the Far East's emerging economies. For fund managers, the message is clear. This is the time to get in on the ground floor.

Funds investing in the socalled Tiger economies topped the performance tables in 1989. Emerging Asia unit trusts took eight of the top 10 positions in the year to January, according to Micropal Even Japan, a traditional favourite among Far Eastern unit trust investors, is starting

Abtrust's Far East Emerging Economies fund has topped the unit trust league for two years running. Mr Hugh Young, the fund manager, said the best bet for investors is to pick blue chip companies



nesia have entered a growth the money they make goes offphase which could last 20 or 30 years. There is a huge construction boom in hotels, Mr Young favours more property and industry. Breweries are often a good invest-

ment at this stage. One danger is that economies could grow too fast, before they have had time to build up a strong base. "The problem with Hong Kong and Singapore is that they are trading ports, always ready to take a turn on goods passing

into the local economies." Investment Trust.

durable economies, like that of Thailand, which is seeing strong development in base blue chip stock now, he says, would be "like buying an ICI in its growth phase."

Even the Philippines, better known for civil unrest and natural disasters, has huge long-term potential. Tyndall,

Against political risks and the spectre of inflation, the fund's managers point to a host of industries and sectors which are ready to flourish. Rather like Japan in the

1950's, the Philippines has a large population, low wage and recognizes the importance of education. Invest-

off, and exports are growing. Mr Peter Montgomery, fund manager for South East Asia at Murray Johnstone, points to the wall of money building up in Taiwan. Despite-only 20 million population, it has generated foreign reserves of near \$75 billion (£45 billion), and enioys an annual per capita income of more than \$7,000. After making its name -

and money - as an exporter of cheaply made, mass-produced goods, the island is now sitting on a mountain of cash. Observers point to the growng economies of Malaysia. Indonesia and the Philippines. hronically, Hong Kong itself has been picked as the site for one of the largest projects the region has seen: a £10.3 billion airport and harbour development. The world's largest suslane highway, and a high-speed rail link, are all part of

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To qualify for the loan and bonus, you must be over 16 years of age, and save for at east two years. Only first time home buyers are eligible, and, unless you are living in "tied" accommodation, you must intend to occupy the property as your only or main residence within a year of purchase.

Even if you have no immediate intention of buying a home, ask for the form which

the scheme. You can obtain this from co-operating institutions such as banks, building and friendly, societies, the Department for National Say ings and Ulster Savings.

must be kept in the account you apply for the full £110. Lesser sums are given for smaller deposits. To obtain the £600 interest-free loss; paid by the Government through the mortgage providers, there must be £600 in the account when you apply, and £300 in the preceding year.

The Government sets house price limits in different re gions in England, and for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland which allow about two-thirds of first time buyers to qualify. Purchases above these limits are not eligible.

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In Greater London, the maximum is £83,000, in the South-east, £69,900. A lower price limit of £29,200 unit altered since 1987, operates in Northern Ireland. The limits of £34,900 in Scotland and £34,400 in Wales seem un-realistically low. Nevertheless 'a gift borse' as they say . .

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Alan Franks

reports

into life and sets off across the field at a breakneck pace, bobbing and bucking like a hare on the rough grass; pulled by a Heath Robinson thing in the middle distance. As we shall see, this is a world not of tattiness but

The whippets scent the action and come rozring from the port-able traps in a blur of shine and sinew. You blink and it is all over, the racers, 20-odd pounds of nononsense dog, have dwindled into specks on the far side of the field just about vanished with the speed of a rocket into the sky.

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There are no large crowds here on the expanse of recreation ground behind the Drift Inn at Seaton Burn, a village just off the Al, six miles up the road from Newcastle. No sambling either, just the men and women, some young, some old, some children, and the dogs, all of them panting breaths of mist into the grey air. Yet this, being a bank holiday, is

a special trophy meeting, and the dogs are competing for the George Griffiths Shield, named after the landlord of the Moorhouse pub, to which the dog-racers will repair at the end of the competition. You could not suiff more passion, more commitment, or any of those other sensations claimed by sional sport, if you were at a yneside soccer derby.

The men say that the dogs have their own internal clocks, by which they know when the important races are due to fall, and brace themselves accordingly. They, the animals rather than the men, grow twitchy and shorttempered in the hours before the start, and have to be muzzled in case they turn nasty. When they do turn nasty, it is usually the master who is the target.

This is a complete character transformation, from the pally and clubbable creature, who has probably spent the rest of the week as a pet, and a coursing dog. The third element of their potential may claim them only fleetingly, but when it does so, it has them utterly in its teeth, so that the nine seconds and the 150 yards seem to justification. This is amateur



We are witnessing rag-racing, which is the informal and fiercely independent end of whippet com-petition. While pedigree events are overseen by the Whippet Club Racing Association, rag-racing has no national governing body. The-clubs, like this one at Seaton Burn, are the prime unit, appointing their own committees and draw-

ing up their own sets of rules. Seaton Burn, for example, is very hot on conduct, which comes partly from the belief that ragracing is re-emerging in pockets of the north-east of England as a family pastime. Just as the committee can, and does, bar dogs from racing if they have shown viciousness on the track, so they will suspend members for swearing and abuse. According to the club's chairman, Ernie Forster, this measure had to be invoked

What had the offending mem ber done, that the committee should bar him? "Oo, it woorn't, a he, it woor a she. She started wore run, an' 'er language got a bit

Talk to different whippeteers on Tyneside and you will hear such different accounts of the sport's condition that they are at times contradictory. One version has it that since it is traditionally a miner's pursuit, and since the mining population has thinned out as a result of the pit closures of the 1980s, it follows that ragracing must somehow have wanted in sympathy. The other argument is that since it is one of the cheapest hobbies imaginable, it actually flourishes in areas of unemployment. The experience of Cramlington, Coxlodge, Killing-worth and Wallsend, all of which have well-supported clubs, bears out the second theory.

"It's definitely surviving," says Shirley Brown, secretary of Seaton "Some of the pedigree whippet fraternity may look down on it, but perhaps they have a vested interest in saying it's not doing well. I think that when there

that had a bad effect on us, because there was money to be

made there. "Maybe the 19 to 30-year-olds are not so interested in rag-racing but the older ones and the younger ones certainly are, and I would say it's quietly flourishing. My own daughter is 17 and she has been going since she was two. Then there's men like Billy Cleugh, who's 74 now and still racing his dogs. He was one of the founder members of Seaton Burn 30 years ago. The number of dogs seems to drop, and then suddenly it ex-

"One of the big differences between us and the pedigree association is that theirs is organized in weight classes, while we time the dogs on the day and arrange the handicaps accordingly. They view it as a horseracing type of thing, and we see it as a natural selection process."

Many of the rag-racing dogs are the result of cross-breeding with a lurcher or a greyhound several generations back. Over a longer distance a good greyhound could be expected to outrun a good whippet, but the latter has a

or example, S. Express, the New Year's Day winner, had taken pert in days. And in order to win today's trophy the same dog had run no fewer than eight races in the course of the morning - five heats, two semis, and the final.

Perhaps the sport is best described as Greybounds in the Vernacular. The set-up at the recreation ground is too easily dismissed as hick and ramshackle. when in reality it is the sporting expression of a community with a history of resourcefulness. The Heath Robinson thing in the middle distance is a wooden platform mounted on pram wheels, with a beer crate housing the go-kart motor that spools in the lure. The traps are similarly home-made affairs of metal and wood, stored in an unwheeled goods wagon next to the cricket pavilion. If that much is the result of improvization, the animals themselves are the most thoroughly tuned racing machines, with a competitive life of up to nine years.

From the expressions on the owner's faces as their dogs devour the ground, the men could be any boys in any park testing some marvellous remote-controlled. shout-sensitive toy in which they have invested all their time and pocket money. "It's all done for the fun," says Forster. "That's the thing about it; the sheer thrill of the race and the stride of the dogs. It's hard to describe the feeling to

someone who has never done it. venerable, dating from the 18th century, when the dogs did not spring from traps but were launched into their lanes by The Whippet Club Racing Association admits only dogs with five generations free of cross-

cedes that the performance of animals like S. Express is becom-

ing formidable. The pastime's own pedigree is

"slippers" and bawled into top gear by their rag-waving owners behind the finishing line. The performance of the dog hinged on the force and efficiency of his send-off, much as does a modern

Despite all the hubbub, the rivalry and the reputations won and lost, the sums involved remain the smallest of beers. At Seaton Burn, which has 20 members, it costs the owner £1.10 to enter his dog for a race, of which 10p goes to the boys who run the rag back for the start of the next race. Of the remaining £1, 90p is put towards prizes, 7p into club funds, with 3p funding the Dog and Bitch of the Year awards, which are contested on a pointsper-meeting basis in the course of

Here, an average racing dog would sell for about £40, and, barring injury, incur minor run-ning costs. For example, S. Ex-press's fuel intake consists of vitamin tablets, meal and Chappie.

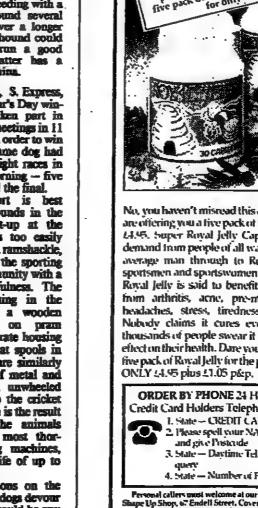
ccording to Alan Harbottle, who runs the rag machine, some owners swear that good butcher's meat, particularly ox hearts, and an avoidance of tinned food, is reflected in the performances. Bert Marcel, Shirley Brown's father, shakes his head sceptically. He is the club's handicapper, a successor to the muchrespected Artie Robson. Marcel has the crucial job of timing each dog during the heats and converting the result into a handicap for the day, at the rate of one seven

hundredth of a second per yard, Both he and Harbottle say they have seen feelings run very high in a disputed finish, but that it has never quite come to blows. They recall Crackerjack's record run as a classic day in the club's history, and argue that the time was exceptionally good, given that Seaton Burn is a heavy course.

On a day like this, when the North Sea has been transferring itself drop by drop on to the nearest land, the 8.75 across the sodden rec is more than respectable.

Dogs are not always personae ratae in the Moorhouse, but S. Express is not being asked to leave. He has about him the same lean and triumphant look as the one which fellow Geordie Jack Chariton carries these days. The owner is Bill Savage, a local miner employed at Durham. He is like his dog; quiet, pleasant, and with not a spare ounce about him

George Griffiths steps out from behind the bar to present the shield which bears own name. The inscribed panels flash in the New Year gloom. This is where the money is: £400 a year on trophies. so that the winner can be given a replica to keep at the end of his year of tenure. After the rag machine, the DIY traps and the static goods van, this stack of wood and silverware laid out on a bar table before the fire is coming extremely close to ceremony.



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The lure man: Alan Harbottle, who runs the "rag" machine, says "good butcher's ment" makes good racers

Rival US film companies ready to march on the Continent before 1992

Paramount takes a leading role in UK Artistic talent in Britain and the [iberalization of the Tolerand of th

liberalization of the Eastern bloc

are two factors attracting an

American invasion of Europe's

film industry, says Martin Waller

ceremony. Nowadays, it Carlton Communications. seems, the running shoe is on Columbia is thought to

week to set up a base in London from which to originate and develop pictures using purely European talent was widely welcomed in film industry circles. It was seen as representing another vote of confidence in the European market by the world's biggest motion picture industry. More big studios are expected to

A host of Los Angeles studio executives, headed by Mr Sidney Ganis, the president of Paramount's Motion Picture Group, were in London to fête the opening of the London

The first fruits of the venture should go into production this autumn. Paramount launched its initiative on the back of this year's favourite for the quality end of the Oscar market, Shirley Valentine, which brought Pauline Collins fame in the United States, playing a bored Liverpudian housewife experiencing a new awakening on a

Shirley Valentine was this year's big "sleeper." Speculation suggests Paramount was initially unhappy to become involved in what looked like a typically downbeat product aimed specifically at up-market British tastes.

But the studio behind the money-spinning Indiana
Jones films, starring Harrison Ford, was prepared to take a risk on a production which land in Florida, said Mr Rich looked as if it might bring in Frank, president of Walt Disartistic credibility if not hard

entrenched in the British tele-

"The British are coming!", company responsible for Ins-was Colin Welland's proud pector Morse and The Paraboast as Chariots of Fire swept dise Club and previously fullythe board at the 1982 Oscars owned by Mr Michael Green's

Columbia is thought to be the next US studio set to make Paramount's decision this its mark in Europe, with Paris as a likely base. Meanwhile, MCA last year announced plans for its own "Hollywoodon-Thames" - a Disney-style theme park on a run-down stretch of Essex marshland combined with a state-of-theart studio. This replica of MCA's Universal Film Studios, in Los Angeles, planned for Rainham, south of Romford, will cost £2.6 billion and is being designed for MCA by Steven Spielberg. It will be named Universal City.

MCA's Los Angeles theme park is the most successful in Hollywood and is being duplicated at a \$500 million (£312 million) development in Florida being built with Rank Organisation, of Britain.

The notion of combining a theme park and film studio is echoed at Euro Disneyland; being built 20 miles east of Paris at a cost of more than £1.4 billion. The project, set to open in 1992, was the subject of a heavily-hyped share issue in London last year, raising £607 million to give investors 51 per cent of the company, with Walt Disney Company, the perent, retaining the rest.

Largely overlooked at the time of the flotation, however, were the parent company's plans to put up a moderatesized film production facility at the site. It may eventually build a full working studio in Paris similar to the one recently opened near Disney-

Warner Communications has had other things on its mind over the past year than



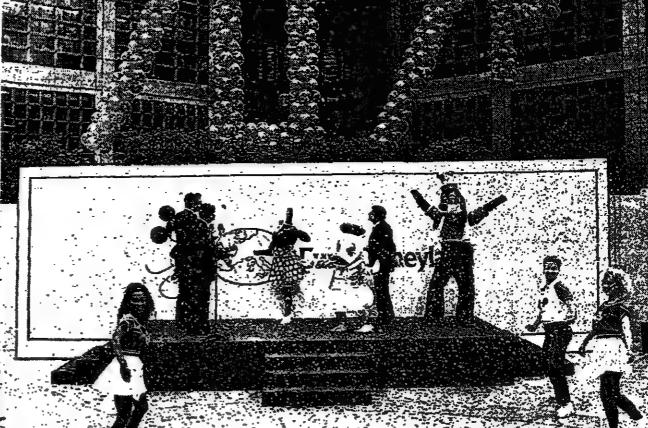


acquisition by Time Inc and the success of Batman, the movie. It will not open a European studio or production unit, preferring to supervise production at first hand.

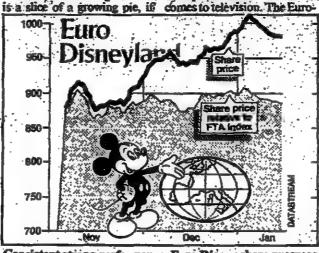
Mr Mark Canton, executive vice president of Warner Bros and head in charge of the studio's worldwide production, said: "Quality control still sits under out big roof in Burbank, California.

Instead, it is spearheading the move into multiplex town with several screens, bars and restaurants. Warner Bros, which has opened three 10-screen multiplexes in this country in the past two years, than 100 screens in Britain and multiplexes in West Ger-

In Hollywood, the motto ars gratia artis has ever served an invasion of the European as a front for ars gratia market, not least the complex pecuniae. Paramount's move manocuvrings that led to its into London was accompa-



for the National Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Company, ently still the envy of our



necessary by socaking in benean market consists of one billion souls, and American studios fear those souls could

be lost to them.

Mr Andrew Patrick, direc-

tor of administration at the

ne one yet knows what will

happen to the European film market post-1992. "It's one of

the most over-debated and under-understood topics of

Europe have enlarged that pie even further, promising a British Film and TV Producunsonbisticated when it. ers Association, the industry body in Britain, admits that

> conversation." Britain accounts for about 3 per cent of all the film financing in the world, against 60 per cent in the US. A combined Europe could account for 30 or even 35 per

The stumbling block is language, which is why the film industry is buzzing with speculation about Franco-German joint productions and the like, to be made

of target andiences. Paramount is likely to focus on the English language market, hence its choice of London as a base for operations.

The history of Hollywood's relationship with European cinema has been a troubled one. David Lean, the British director, made The Bridge on the River Kwai and Lawrence of Arabia with Sam Spiegel, the American producer, about 30 years ago. At the time, it was cheaper to make a Holly-wood movie in Europe. That love affair came to an end with disesters like Charley Bubbles.

It is fair to say that not all the European film industry views the arrival of the Americans with unalloyed delight.

But the British experience gives fair warning of the alternative. The British film industry consists of one com-pany, Goldcrest, still waiting for a management buyout from its latest owner, Brent





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headed by Mr George Walker. Thrown in with the film production company, and representing virtually all its assets, is the old Elstree film studios in Hertfordshire, Elstree, has long held the imagination of the industry, a factor shown by the furore. that greeted plans to redevelop it as offices in 1988.

Roped in to provide moral support during that fight were Spielberg, his associate George Lucas, the man behind Star Wars, and Mr Jim Henson of Muppets fame. But the Americans' support failed to include financial guarantees. A suggested price tag for Goldcrest, including the Elstree development, whose fate will be decided by the local planning authority this month, is £90 million.

Mr Patrick at the BFTPA Whatever their

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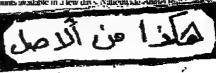
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A CHILDHOOD: DAVID BLUNKETT

'As a blind teenager, I once said "would you like to dance?" and it was to a man'

he was blind. His mother, already in her forties and never very well, took the news badly. Her hair turned white and it was some time before she recovered from the shock. In 1947 there was not a great deal of guidance available for parents with handicapped children, particularly not on a Sheffield council estate. David's father worked for the Gas Board. "My dad took my blindness much more practically. He would

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take me out for walks, me on my tricycle which he was supposed to keep on the end of a dog lead or rope. But sometimes he'd agree with me to let me go alone along the pavement, and on one occasion I went over the edge of the kerb and hit my head.

"He copped it from my mother. but he gave me a sense of adventure. He would take risks which narents don't do with youngsters

who have handicaps."

The area of Sheffield in which they lived was not rough in the down-and-out sense, but poor in that the people who lived there had low-paid jobs — high in skill status in the steel working community, but low in wages. by Ray Connolly

At four he was sent to a special school for the blind in Sheffield. He still has strong memories about going there for the first time,

a Sunday evening in 1951. "It must have been September because I can remember the sunshine at teatime (he can distinguish light from dark, and of course feel the sun) and the cathedral bells ringing and having to find my bed in the dormitory.

The rule then was that we were only allowed home for a weekend every month, and our parents could come to see us on the Saturday in the intervening fortnights. I have fond memories of the place, of bathing in these big tin baths in the basement area and drying by an open fire, but I did feel very cut off from home. You miss the warmth and affection of

the family. school is that, inevitably, although the house mothers were loving and kind they weren't your family. They'd give me a good-night kiss and because I can remember looking forward to that good-night kiss I think it speaks volumes in terms of what I missed."

In those days there was only one boys' grammar school for the blind in the country and an exam based on the 11-plus, taken at 12, had to be passed. Although he has subsequently shown he is very bright, David Blunkett failed.

The alternative was a boarding school in Shrewsbury. He was due to start in January 1960, but in the



Blunkett as a child, with friend

December his father was critically njured in an explosion at work. He died in early January. Two weeks later Blunkett left Sheffield for his new school.

"That would have been quite a traumatic time in anyone's life at the age of 12 - just coping with his death - and having to cope with the new school made it a very profound moment. My dad had worked for the Gas Board for 47

years and was past the age of retirement but had stayed on to

they had to pay compensation on the grounds that his working life

was over. In the end, after years of trying, the union did obtain

compensation but it was minimal

and I was 15 or 16 by then. It was

anger inside me, I don't bubble

away with resentment. But I want

to ensure nobody else finds them-

By the time he was in his teens at his Shropshire boarding school

he was already, he thinks, some-thing of a stirrer for good causes.

At 13 he led a delegation demand-

boys should be allowed more than

one clean shirt a week ("I just

By 16 he was, in his own words,

"an angry youngster who wanted to change the world" and had joined the Labour Party. It was the

beginning of his refusals to take

no for an answer, to prove he

could be on equal terms with

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very bad for my mother. "That is something you take on board and remember. I don't hold

O levels because our headmaster did not believe examinations were necessary, a very laudable principle but absurd in a world where they mattered. People with disabilities have to be better qualified than anybody else before they are accepted." From the school be moved to

the adjoining college to take an office studies course, and began to go to night school to take his O levels. There were times of near despair. For months he had to force himself to get out of bed in the morning. "I wasn't sure if I'd pass the examinations, didn't know what was going to happen to me or whether I was going to be able to look after myself. I never want to experience that again."

Socially he felt awkward, slightly agoraphobic, screwing up his courage to get on a bus and find a seat, believing everyone was looking at him and thinking him peculiar. At home in Sheffield for he holidays he had to force himself to go to the youth club. It was far easier to stay home and listen to the radio.

To go there meant you were breaking into other people's friendships. And if you wanted to ask someone to dance you could

easily make a fool of yourself. It's true that I've said 'would you like to dance?" and it It's funny now, but it knocks you at the time.

"I still find it difficult in an environment where I'm on my own - station buffets, for instance, where if you're blind you become a captive audience because you can't choose whom you want to talk to." At 20, he returned home finally

to Sheffield and the Royal National Institute for the Blind's employment division suggested he might get a job with the Gas Board in view of his father's long service. He did and was quickly made shop steward because there wasn't one. By now he had set his sights

on becoming a teacher and began to do A levels as well as the National Certificate in Business Studies as a day-release student. Every night, every weekend, was didn't have a lot of fun," he says.

He chose to study for a degree in olitical theory and institutions at Sheffield University because he could be at home after spending much of his life away.
"I don't know to this day how I

pushed myself into going to university. No one in my family or in the neighbourhood had an academic background. Often people underestimate the difficulties for children from homes where there isn't a tradition of higher education. It isn't just a matter of money. There is often a psychological block preventing vouriesters from seizing opportu-



by those who have always had those opportunities." Ambition forced him to take his opportunity. By now he had his first guide dog (the first dog to be allowed into the Palace of Westminster when, on a visit, he was told no does could be admitted and created a fuss), and had been elected as a councillor to Sheffield City Council when a vacancy occurred. Even today, to be a city councillor at 22 is unusual. In 1970 it was unheard of. He was

certainly a serious young man. When asked when childhood ended, he has two answers. Having to look after himself away

much of his boybood meant, he feels, he missed much that childhood usually offers. So he grew up

early in that sense. Emotionally, however, he was a late developer. "Living at home I found my mother was inevitably over-protective towards me and I was over-keen to set myself up independently, to break away and to establish my normality and be just like everybody else."

Married at 23 while at university (he and his wife Ruth, from whom he is now separated, have three sons: Alastair, 12, Hugh, 9,

Photograph by Nick Rogers

field (while the other undergraduates were into student politics, he was doing the real thing). For a time he toyed with the idea of journalism, but then went into teaching as futor of industrial

relations at Barnsley College of

Technology. But politics was the greater draw and from 1980 to 1987, when he entered Parliament, he was the

leader of Sheffield City Council. Today he moves confidently around Westminster with his guide dog Offa, more a politician interested in getting things done. It is difficult to imagine him being content in opposition.

Despite the special help he receives, the braille writer and the readers who dictate information on to cassettes for him, reading is the problem it has always been and always is for the blind person,

Today the rough edges have gone. The ambition he feels now is quite different from the drive of the blind youngster who felt he was up against it in life. David Blunkett wants only to do a good job as a politician and to be judged on that - not as a blind man, but as an equal.

The last word in launch parties

y north-westerly col-league, Mr Ned Sherrin, seems to be invited to all the most sparkling parties, where the theatrical meet to exchange bons mots with the even more theatrical. But for many people the business of partygoing is a more irksome and onerous affair. Every now and then this column will chronicle the less successful parties that take place every night in the capital. The first is the iaunch party for this month's major new publication, The State of the Language (Faber, £17.50), a widely-reviewed symposium of essays by academics and practitioners who feel strongly about the meaning behind the meaning behind the meaning of words. I was a member of the

committee for The State of the Language launch party, and, I must now admit, I had long Suspected that it was destined to be an infamous affair. I mentioned as much to my fellow committee member Mr Kingsley Amis, as we went into the first meeting together. "Infamous? Infamous?" he

chuttered, "What d' ye mean infamous? My dictionary defines infamous as 'evil fame or reputation, shameful vileness'. Is that what you really mean? Make yourself clear!" Oh, no, it won't be as bad as all that," I replied. "Hopefully." Amis's face darkened and

his brow began to twitch in uncontrollable fury. Had I said something wrong? I thought that I had better do something to patch things up, so I said: "To be honest, I'm not all that interested in the State of the language. In fact, you might say that I was thordisinterested in it."

Oddly enough, he failed to seize the olive branch, proceeding to his seat in the committee room with tears pour-

help look after her."

Professor Ricks, who had edited the book, kicked off the meeting by introducing himself as the Chairman of the Launch Party.

"Chairperson, if you wouldn't mind," interjected Ms Sandra M. Loopee, reader in Wrongfully Assumed Male Dominance at the University of Milwaukee.



CRAIG BROWN

"My mistake," said Ricks. "My mistake what?" said Professor Clive Grump, who has done so much to improve the language of prison life with his pioneering work Grammar in the Slammer. " My mis-. take' does not constitute a sentence, as it is without verb or object.

"Pardon," said Ricks. Glancing over at Amis, I could see him bristle. "Next he'll be saying 'Cheers'," I heard him mumble to himself.

he wording of the in-. vitation alone took a full five hours to sort "The Chairperson and Members of the Committee Request The Pleasure of Your Company" was thrown out on a number of grounds, the feminist linguists among us protesting that the word "members" was shot throughand-through with the murky stain of male dominance. while Marxist post-structuralists objected that the possessive adjective before the word

"company" (itself a word reeking of capitalism and cor-poratism) signified an out-dated belief in the myth of individual personality. On the other hand, the traditionalists, among them the current Oxford Professor of Advanced Pedantry, pointed out that the Oxford English Dictionary gave a primary definition of the word pleasure as "sensuous enjoyment as a strict object of life or end in itself, and they wished to dissociate themselves most vehemently from any such pronouncement. The phrase "Please bring

this invitation with you proved equally calamitous, Sandra M. Loopee believing that the word invitation represented an unnecessary degree of obcisance to the dominant order and arguing for the less class-based "Please bring this text with you". In the end, it was agreed

that seven different invitations would be printed to meet all the various needs. Alas, the invitation printed especially -for Mr Amis - "Bring a bottle and bird" - was sent by mistake to Mr Enoch Powell, who, acting in strict accordance to the letter of the invitation, arrived with a cockatoo on his shoulder. When the chairman expressed his astonishment, Mr Enoch Powell explained that he had expressly NOT brought a hat. as a bat was, of course, not a bird but a mammal

ine sir?" a waiter said to Mr Powell as he entered the crowded room cheek-by-jowl with other learned experts. "Is that to which you refer wine with an 'h' or wine in which the 'h' is absent?" replied Mr Powell. "For if it is the former, I am not by nature a whiner, and must, therefore, decline your request, and if it is the latter, I



would prefer a glass of water, that is to say a glass in which the requisite amount of water has previously been deposited for consumption by those overtaken by thirst."

Poor Ricks had quite some trouble getting the dancing going, I'm afraid. He thought that a quick rollock through the "Hokey Cokey" might prove an ice-breaker, but instead it proved a minefield. "Could you all form a circle," he said, and, in seconds, havoc had broken out. Some had begun to draw small circles on pieces of paper, while others had formed literary and artistic circles, and were busy uing manifestos and forming ill-fated attachments to one another.

"You put your left arm in," began Ricks when most people had taken their places. "Is that your left or our left?" asked the Oxford Professor of Advanced Pedantry. "When you say 'you put your left arm in', do you mean you will be putting, you should put, you have put, you will have put, or, indeed, you will have been putting?" asked Arthur S. Crank of the Boston Institute of Hair-Splitting.

"Left and right is outmoded terminology signifying an un-questioning belief in hierarfragmentation of the political structure of the ruled by those ruling," chipped in Sandra M. Loopee. "I would therefore prefer us all to sing, 'A hand has or may have been put in, a hand has or may have been put out'." "In where? Out where?"

asked Thomas P. Szitt, the noted linguistic theoretician. The instructions are honelessly vague." "One should not forget, of

course, that hand has an important secondary meaning of 'hired help or assistant'," Professor Klutz reminded us, invited, I am afraid that I will than the party? Hopefully.

have to sit this one out." Alas when the command, "Do the Hokey Cokey and turn around" was issued by Ricks. the riffle of learned hands through Volume H of the OED was quite deafening, and the afready sporadic dancing came to a complete standstil chical and linear distinctions as each person tried to disrepresenting a desire for the cover what on earth Ricks was

arty games, too, left much to be desired. "We're now into a Party-Games Situation,' announced Ricks, and from the corner of the room emerged the distinct thud of Kingsley Amis keeling over on the floor in horror, the word situation engraved upon his heart. Passthe-Parcel was a wash-out, as a number of experts, misinterpreting the command, strove, with scant success, to Parse the Parcel. The party fizzled to a close soon afterwards. Will and as my own hand was not the book be a greater success

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THE NED SHERRIN COLUMN

Spread out the Vegemite

the Vegemite thick and plundering the Austra-lian news sheets. I prepared myself for unnatural heat, punch-ups between police and Aborigines and a strange new vocabulary. In the Sydney Morning Herald, Jodi Whiting (16) pronounced on the New Year celebrations. "Last year it was really mysuse." This year

the New Year celebrations. "Last year it was really 'grouse'. This year it was just boring." If grouse means good it will describe my journey.

As we Qantassed our way comfortably across the sub-continent, waking fitfully, I swear that from 33,000ft I caught a glimpse of the Taj Mahal in floodlight if not morphisht and was it did look like a moonlight and, yes, it did look like a

I am in an English colony. Victor Spinetti is already here. Elton John is expected. Mike Batt is artist in residence at the Sydney Conservatoire. Ivor Spencer is teaching young Australians how to be butlers and there is an invasion of European wasps (Vespula Germanica). These have been here since 1958 and are believed to have arrived via New Zealand in a crate of Second

World War aircraft parts. On arrival I was welcomed with three iced lime daiquirs at the Sydney Festival Club in the grounds of the Hyde Park Barracks, a beautiful building which started its ugly life as a convict prison. Music was pounded out by a rock group called Fargone Beauties (say it aloud in a heavy Australian accent). Thirty hours after waking in World's End I fell asleep in the spare room of my host, Ken Groves, in Potts Point, Woolloomooloo.

I CAME HERE to open Victor Spinetti's one-man show at the Playhouse Theatre in the Sydney Opera House complex and to host a two-continent edition of Loose

10am transmission in London means a 9pm start from this end.

At 8pm I was in the middle of a cocktail party at the Copplesons, whose handsone house in smart. whose handsome house in smart Rose Bay has a spectacular view up the harbour towards the glowing akyscrapers of north Sydney. The foreground picture beyond the garden wall is white sand and big, friendly, strutting grey gulls.

Regular readers will not be surprised to hear that I nearly failed to make it to the 2BL ABC studio in King's Cross. ABC shares this neck of the wood with the famous red-

of the wood with the famous redlight workers. I was assured that Rose Bay was a mere five minutes away and that it is the easiest place in Australia to get a taxi.

As I waited, the heavens opened and giant stabs of electric storm carved up the sky. I huddled under an awning, joined by a pretty girl who described herself as a model. We agreed to share a cab, I dropped her in pouring rain at the corner of Williams Street. It was now that the driver decided he did not know where 2BL was and suggested I hunt

Yes, he did understand I did not know my way, indeed he had felt much the same recently in Norway when he found himself stranded with a backpack and a broken leg. As he drove off I saw two friendly ladies of the night standing by the kerb in bright plastic macs. They had never heard of 2BL.

When I returned after circling the building a few times, they had been replaced on their beat by two even more friendly statuesque six-footers with much deeper voices and no better information.

better information.

By now it was 8.45pm and, considerably bedraggled, I spotted the box-office of the tiny Crossroads Theatre, advertising Frank Mo-Guinness's play Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching to the Somme. reckoned that any company with



the nous to put on a play which won a Standard Most Promising Newcomer Award would know how to get to a radio station. They did.

A fascinating interviewee on the show was Valerie Taylor, a shark photographer who worked on Jaws I and II. She has had her leg bitten through by an Ocean Blue which she was tempting with minced mackerel far off the coast of California (he preferred leg to mince), her hand gnashed by another and her chin opened up by a frenzied Grey Nurse Shark off Queensland. She firmly believes in shark conservation.

For all the sophistication of Sydney and its imaginative building developments, circling sharks, blazing bush fires, crook crocs, blinding lightning, burning sun and bronzed bodies are a constant reminder of the nearness of nature.

I HAVE NEVER known Spinetti as

nervous as he was before the first preview here of his Very Private Diary. He spent Christmas with relatives in Queensland and, trying out tales of Joan Littlewood, Vivien Leigh and Tallulah Bankhead on them, he faced a blank wall of

Arriving in Sydney he was interviewed on Channel 9, the television station which is part of Alan Bond's beleaguered empire. As the cab was about to drop him the driver asked who was paying the \$9 fare, "Channel 9," said Victor. The cabbie promptly locked his doors and declined to let him out until he

He need not have worried, for his reception was rapturous. As I write, the newspaper notices have not appeared, but the radio reviews are unanimous and lyrical.

The next day we went to Bondi

Beach. The waves and the surfers' antics are spectacular, but I had not anticipated the neat curve of the bay or the tacky seafront — a bit of Bournemouth's faded Edwardian elegance here, a touch of Black-pool's rundown Golden Mile there. You can choose your fresh fillet of fish, watch it grilled and take it out on to the beach to eat. A Bloody Mary is called a Shark Attack and I must have been mangling my vowels in affected Pommie fashion because a glass of house red wine arrived as a glass of iced red wine.

LIGHT BULB jokes are still popular here as in: "How many Country and Western stars does it take to change a light bulb?"

"Ten. One to change it and nine to sing about what a good ol' bulb it

Next week New York.

FRANCES EDMONDS

f I were Ron Brown, left-wing Labour MP for Edinburgh Leith, I would be recovering from the Lewes Crown Court this week. Ever a man of action rather than argument, a proclivity best exemplified by my virtuoso mace-bashing performance, I would not my virtuoso mace-bashing performance, I would not tax my intellect with minor semantic problems. How a conviction for criminal damage can be described as a victory, I would not bother to explain. What morality has to do with a sorry saga of adultery and knickers, I would not condescend to say.

As the dust and the flying Riesling bottles settled, I would start to count my many blessings. First, I would realize that in my wife, May, I have a pearl without price. What a lucky man I am to have the missus lay the blame exclusively on "the other woman". Second, I would hope to continue to count on the indulgence of my long-suffering constituents, the sort of people whom I assume "will not bother too much about the criminal damage". In a moment of doubt, I would wonder whether this image of anti-establishment, Scotlish hooliesnism is one they would choose De-Scottish hooliganism is one they would choose. But such a rare bout of sensitivity would swiftly pass.

Only then would I start to worry about the fines,

compensation and costs that I must pay. Recalling the second career of that other notorious left-wing selfpublicist, Derek Hatton, I would find myself an agent



Ron Brown

and immediately set about my public relations talents. For obvious reasons, I would promise to eschew any future photo opportunities with my old friend, Colonel Gaddafi. These, I would belatedly concede, have all the PR appeal of a pile-up on the M25. Instead; I would start to frequent establishments such as Stringfellow's with a couple of aspiring Page Three researchers" draped nonchalantly around my neck.

Lucrative offers would soon come pouring in From the platform of my new "Agony Uncle" column, I would dispense advice to the nation's harassed housewives, to women trying to cope with harddrinking, bad tempered and two-timing husbands. "Send them to the House of Commons," I would helpfully suggest. "It will not solve the problem, but at least there they will be less likely to stand out."

Before long I would be advertising an expensive range of men's toiletries, quite possibly "Homme Savage". Soft-focus shots of yours truly, cavorting merrily in the shower, would dominate every department store. Soon I would be hosting my own television chat show and within weeks it would have an enormous cult following. Only then, as I started counting my cash, would I realize there is more to life than the frustrations of back-beach opposition. I would think back over my parliamentary career, a decade punctuated all too regularly by flittle gestures, counter-productive rebellion and pointless iconoclasm. Overcome, not so much by shame as by a sudden sense of futility, I would decide to do the Labour party a favour. Noisy and nouveau riche, I would become a Conservative MP.



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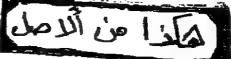
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OUT AND ABOUT

Continuing his tour of Britain's top tourist attractions, Nigel Andrew visits the Viking Centre in York

Giving Vikings a bad name

inter is the time of year when York's phenomenally pop-ular Jorvik Viking Centre comes into its own. Emerging from under the mass tourist assaults of the summer, it shows itself in a different less garish light to the off-season visitor. Now it becomes possible to make a leisurely inspection and get the proper measure of the

The Viking Centre is tucked away in the "tasteful" modern Coppergate shopping precinct, an apt enough location for the lion of commerce to lie down with the lamb of archaeology. Or would it be apter to talk of a shotgum marriage? Certainly Jorvik brings archaeological research and the leisure industry", museum and "concept", into startlingly close

What pulls in the visitors in their hundreds of thousands is not the excellent museum of "finds" from this hugely important Viking site, or the mocked-up research lab and explanation of archaeological

The Vikings were certainly not just like us, but they were a great deal more like human beings than these dingy, grottodwelling grotesques'

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techniques. It is not even the chance of seeing in situ genuine Viking house timbers, waist-high, as preserved for 1,000 years in waterlogged soil. What pulls them in is the Time Journey, and the Time Journey keeps the York Archaeological Trust in funds, thus enabling it to get on with its

The notice that greets you as ou descend into the centre's panking modern stairwell is a beauty. "Time Journey" it says, with an arrow pointing right, and "Toilets", with an arrow pointing left, and that's it. But first a series of posters and a silent video (of Viking arts and crafts) give some useful background information on the Vikings — for which the summer queues must be grateful. There is a very loud soundtrack of merauding Vikings a-pillaging and

The start of the Time Journey looks very much like a fairground ghost train. You step into your four-seater car and it moves off backwards. This is because you are travelling backwards in time past a sequence of dramatically posed a series of hairpin bends, through



Fact or fiction? The Time Journey, which looks very much like a fairground ghost train, may pull in the punters, but it also seems to present a deeply falsified version of the past

effigies representing the passing centuries. The reassuring voice of Magnus Magnusson comes out of the darkness, along with an historically regressive babble of street cries, noises, shouts and period sones

"Pack Up Your Troubles" plays as you glide past a First World War soldier with a wounded arm and an imbecilic grin. A hollow-cheeked woman holds her dead child, a periwigged for represents the 18th century, and so it goes on, back in very little time to the great fire of York in 1069. This is represented by flickering lights showing through a wattle wall. Various smells hang in the air,

giving a general impression of burnt kippers. Shortly after the fire, Magnusson informs us that time has stopped. Our car certainly has, and here we are in VIKING YORK (OF TRUBET JOSVIK). We move forward now, slowly, in

a reconstructed Viking settlement, all made of wood and thatch, wattle and earth, busy, crowded and "frozen in time". The inhabitants are petrified in mid-gesture, dogs paralysed in mid-flight, geese

The noise by now is deafening and full of snatches of Viking, making it hard to attend to poor old Magnusson. And the smells are coming thick and fast. I kept getting Unidentifiable and Burnt Kippers Again. Even as we passed the cesspit and the farmyard animals, I only caught a mild whiff of pigs. Perhaps I was starting a

As far as the buildings and artefacts go, this looks like a pretty convincing simulation of Viking town life. But the Jorvik Centre claims to reproduce the actual experience of being in a Viking city, and this it signally fails to do. In fact, it presents a deeply falsified version of the past.

Apart from the noise - which makes modern York seem by comparison a haven of peace and quiet - and the unreal stasis, the chief problem is with the figures inhabiting this supposed Viking settlement. The past was not populated with grotesque, dwarf-ish troglodytes, hobgoblins and trolls, grimacing and speaking through closed lips. But the Jorvik

Viking Centre is. Ugly, nasty, brutish and short, locked in postures of strain and exertion, these creatures of a twilit underworld can only be struggling towards the sunlit uplands of the late 20th century: that is the

They are plainly other, a difrent species, and the Time Journey's striving after immediacy only renders them the more remote and unreal. This is as serious a taisification as its opposite, which would make the people of all ages just like us. The Vikings were certainly not just like us, but they were a great deal more like us - and like human beings than these dingy, grotto-dwelling

he other powerful objection to the Jorvik Centre and similar enterprises (the Oxford Story, the Canterbury Pilgrim's Way) is that they present the visitor with a completely passive experience. The whole thing is prepackaged, predigested, with no scope for making your own explorations, asking questions, drawing your own conclusions. The charge does not quite stick in this case, as the Jorvik Centre does include a small museum in which the visitor can wander freely. But the Time Journey not only spoonfeeds you IT2 AC1210U OL IDS **WOLKS** your jaws as well.

However, the Jorvik approach

ized excrement, moss used as lavatory paper - to its Jorvik Club, its well stocked souvenir shop and Viking mint where visitors can strike their own coins, the centre doesn't miss a trick. Whatever else it may be, it is certainly fun — and if your children drag you there against your will at least you can console yourself with the thought that it is all in a good cause. And you might like to imagine, as you trundle through the Viking town, the inhabitants coming to

undoubtedly effective and,

popular, especially with children From its amusing insistence on matters cloacal — latrines, fossil-

life, audging each other in dis-belief and saying, "Hey, Sven — Do you see what I see?" ■ The Jorvik Viking Centre, Coppergate, York, is open daily in winter, 9am-5-30pm. Admission £2.75, child £1.35, O.AP £2. The Jorvik Viking Festival runs from Feb 3-24. Festival information (904 611944) Mon-Fri.

OUTINGS

Brittsii HORSE AND RIDER SHOW: Veterinary advice, clubs and societies, clothes, saddles, tack and other equipment, plus show jumping. Wembley Exhibition Hall, Wembley, Middlesex. Today, tomorrow 10am-6pm.

ULSTER MUSEUM EVENTS: "Dolls and Childhood", an exhibition drawn from the museum's collections which shows the development of children's dolls from the mid-19th to the mid-20th century. Also tomorrow, 2.30-4.30pm, Deirdre Crone and Winifred Glover from the Antiquities Department demonstrate pottery

Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast (0232-381251). Exhibition until Jan 28; Sat 1-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Free.

MEW YEAR'S ANTIQUES FAIR: More than 700 stands selling a More than 700 stands selling a wide range of items. Among the many stands is one selling a variety of sporting equipment from the turn of the century to 1930. The Great Hall, Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, London N22 (01-366 2121). Tomorrow 11.30am-5pm. Free shuttle service from Wood Green Underground station. Adult 22, accompanied child free.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND: The Northcott Theatre's production of Carroll's classic fantasy adventure adapted for the stage and with additional lyrics by John Wells, music by Carl Davis. Northcott Theatre, Stocker Road, Exeter. Today 2.30pm and 7.30pm, and at regular intervals until Jan 27. Adult 25.50-28, child 24-28.50. Box-office

DENSY DALE CIRCULAR:
Family walks planned to introduce children and parents to the fun of the countryside. Today's walk covers three miles and is easy. Wear sensible shoes and dress. Denby Dale, West Yorkshire. Today. Meet Lesley Parsons at 1.15pm at the Railway Station Approach Road, under the viaduct on the ASS6. on the A636.

BRIDGEWATER BOATS OPEN DAY: Another opportunity to visit the company which specializes in narrowboet holidays. Bridgewater Boats, Castle Wharf, Berkhamsted, Hertfordehire (0442 863615). Tomorrow

THE WITCH AND THE MACIC MOUNTAIN: Last chance to see Arts Centre joint production, written by Renata Allen with music by Howard Goodall. The musical play is based on fairy-tales and legends from around the

Arts Centre, University of Warwick. Today 2.30pm and 7pm. Tickets 24-26,75, box-office (0203 417417).

WHITTLESEY STRAW BEAR FESTIVAL: Colourful traditional event in which a "straw bear" tours the town, visiting public houses on the way, accompanied by musicians, dancers, jesters and buskers. Market Place, Whittlesey,

Judy Froshaug

CAMPUS

t was impossible to foresee that so many changes would take place in East Germany so soon and so rapidly, when I went to Halle-Wittenberg in September.

When I arrived with a fellow graduate from London University, no one watched GDR television, but followed West German television in order to find out what was happening in their own country. The GDR news programme, Aktuelle Kamera. consisted of items of news praising the country, and councille the only comments as all the book on the said. emphasizing the strength of relations with other "brotherly socialist countries", and Tawas and ished in the showing the most negative aspects of the West.

one edition in 1989 is it There was even a prothe size of man of the little training are space and the little training are spaced and the little training are spaced as the little training gramme solely for this purpose, called Der Schwarze Kanal which took extracts from ARD and ZDF, the West In the case of one of the German channels which can be received in most of East Germany, and criticized and Civro, Hereford and have refuted them in a way which can only be described as in a large Graph venomous. This programme disappeared from our screens Ser price is a in November, and Aktuelle Kamera has now become compulsory viewing. The West German television pro-ELE INCIDES EN 1994 gramme times are also being published in the newspapers, and even the East German army is allowed to watch

The development that has unquestionably caused the greatest-reaction so far in the East is the opening of the borders with the West. I was with some theology students in their hall of residence at the time the news was announced and witnessed its immediate impact and the alternating euphoria and disbelief that followed. The students in the department were still beestably tell if a second pool of the has a good pool to leave the pool to have the pool to have the second pool to have the se mused the next day. Now I am involved in trying to Ofganize -student-exchanges with British universities something which in September would have been unthink-

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Catherine Hickley, a British graduate teaching English at the University of

Halle, near Leipzig, reports on the revolutionary changes in East Germany



ulating "Modern English", as German, or of English and it is called and printed on greyish paper, is full of turgid texts about obscure British communists and gives a very distorted picture of Britain. A new textbook is on the way, but will probably not be published for a few years. Fortunately, I have managed to persuade the British Embassy to send me 10 copies of a textbook published in Britain which contains much livelier themes, and have also prepared many texts myself.

At present, however, all the students want to talk about is the current situation in their country, although this was not the case at the beginning of the term. Then, some seminar groups were willing to speak on the subject, but others were highly reticent, usually because they suspected one or more of their fellow-students of being a member of the Stasi, the East German secret

The students have an incredibly full timetable, often with as many as 35 hours of lessons a week. This is partly due to what they see as unnecessary extras, such as compulsory sport and two hours of Marxism and Leninism a week, but much of this is now changing. All my stu-dents are studying to become teachers, either of English and

Russian. This, too, will change next year when it will be possible to study English and French, as Russian will no longer be the compulsory first foreign language to be taught in schools. Pupils will be able to choose between French, English and Russian. Many believe that most will choose English. I have never experienced so

much friendly interest and hospitality when abroad. Students often approach us in the department with tickets for the theatre, the cinema or concerts, and the staff, too. have been very kind and helpful. People we have met outside the university are usually dumbfounded at meeting "real English people", and spend the first half-anhour of speaking to us in a state of complete shock. Sometimes we feel like rare animals in the 200.

Having made quite a lot of friends, we have visited them in their own homes and gained a good idea of the general standard of living in the GDR. Most people living in Halle have small but adequate flats, which seem to be always immaculately tidy in a way which strikes me as typically German: teeming with fussy little ornaments, candles and lace mats, and things hanging

from every wall, frame and ceiling.

Almost everyone has a television, fridge, electric cooker and hi-fi, but washing machines are rarer, and video recorders non-existent. The flats are always very comfortable and bomely. Halle is a very dirty town in

an industrial area not far from Leipzig. It is renowned for its dreadful pollution, and for being the birthplace of Handel. The pollution is indeed very bad, and in the last months the smog in the town People always say to me "Just like in London!" and are often quite disappointed when I tell them that since the Sixties the smog in London has been Entertainment is also cheap

thanks to government sub-

sidies: many of the students in the department go to the theatre, cinema or concerts two or three times a week. Unfortunately some of the actors in one of the theatrecompanies have left for the West. There also seems to be a great shortage of waiters and waitresses in the Halle cafes; again because people have left the country. I still have some students on my register who left for the Federal Republic during the summer, through Hungary or Czechoslovakia, and have heard many others discussing whether or not to

Although, politically, the situation has changed, economic improvements will, of course, take much longer. People are growing frustrated at not being able to buy the things they want because they are not available in the shops, while West German television regularly carries advertising r huxury items.

Re-unification with the FRG is the question on everyone's lips, but opinions are varied. Many students are strongly against it, feeling that the GDR will be swallowed up in the mass of Germany, and will completely lose any ideatity it might have had.

19th century. They fear the negative asreather cycles came from a pects of a capitalist society: unemployment, armed crime, drugs and terrorism.

OUTDOORS

When freedom is hard to believe The tale of the little grey sheep

The Herdwick flocks that Beatrix

Potter hoped to protect after her death

with her final bequest are facing an

rs Tiggywinkle, Peter Rabbit or any other of the characters that sprang from Beatrix Potter's imagination were never members of an endangered species. Yet the animals for which she had real, unsentimental concern, the hardy Herdwick sheep of the Lake District, are now being threatened by the whims of fashion, dwindling hill farm subsidies, and a last bequest of Mrs William Heelis, alias Beatrix Potter, that the hill farms she left in

of her "little grey sheep". When she died, she left more than a collection of books which have persuaded generations of children that pigs can talk and hedgehogs iron handkerchiefs. She also left 14 farms and 4,000 acres of the finest Lakeland landscape. The Herdwick sheep bequeathed with them now

trust to the nation should be

devoted solely to the breeding

number about 25.000. Concern for the future of the Herdwick flocks is shared by the farmers, the National Trust and the wool industry. Beatrix Potter championed the breed in the early years of this century, and foresaw that there could be problems in years to come. The breed is

meteorological line

about the current ab-

normal weather is that it is not

yet clear whether it is evidence

of the greenhouse effect or just

part of a natural cycle. But the

black art, full of acrimony

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Claims of weather cycles

date back to the biblical story

of Joseph's dream that seven

years of dearth would follow

seven years of plenty. In the

17th. century Francis Bacon

noted that a 35-year rhythm

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The ewes are more than a commodity - a fact which the community feels is unappreeconomists. The hill farmers depend on

the sale of animals for breeding, and on their meat for their tive landscape and the upkeep

uncertain future, Ronald Faux writes livelihood. The wool clip is an added bonus, but as that price deteriorates and the EC takes a bleaker attitude towards hill

which puts them at odds with

the conservationists, who

protected on the highest fells. However, it produces fewer lambs than other breeds. The meat is succulent but there is farm subsidies, the farmers less of it; the wool that increase the size of their flocks protects them from a rugged climate is tough, wiry and full to maintain their income,

In the world of genteel complain about over-grazed fashion none of these is a hills. The Herdwick wool clip selling quality, and this seahas doubled in volume in two son's 95,500 kilos of dark Herdwick wool failed to at-The farmers point out that tract a single bidder at the although Herdwicks are the auctions in Edinburgh and breed that could be Bradford. It now lies in wareexpected to survive in the houses, awaiting some new trend for hair shirts perhaps, valley head farms, some believe it would be good to try or for carpets or cloth which is

to inject a different breed into pure, natural and ozonethe strain to produce a more marketable product. Herdwick sheep farming was the slide-rule

once the main industry of the Cumbrian hills, although tourism has now outstripped it in economic importance. But tourism depends on an attrac-

Without the sheep, the reason for walls and farm buildings is gone, dereliction prevails and an old and worthwhile community cannot be sustained. The balance is delicate be-

tween maintaining a fragile landscape, and giving hill farming communities a sense that they are not being paid to do nothing or producing a commodity no one wants to

The National Trust the **British Wool Marketing Board** and a number of textile companies and polytechnics in the North are researching new uses for the Herdwick wool and new ways to market it. In one year recently Japanese buyers bought the entire Herdwick clip; the next year they bought nothing, showing the fickleness of the fashion industry.

They are investigating ways to create new materials from the wool for making clothing and carpets. This summer thousands of visitors to National Trust property will test a new kind of hard-wearing carpet tile. If the new ideas succeed there is more chance that Beatrix Potter's grey sheep and their shepherds will live happily ever after.

In the rhythm

WEATHER EYE

number of sunspots. This led to speculation that the weather could vary in the same way, and a search for evidence this continues to this

By the 1920s more than 100 different periodicities had been discovered. But, in almost every case, further investigation showed that these cycles came and went in a tentelizing manner, and none proved a reliable basis for recasting weather behaviour.

What has emerged from all this work is that there is only discovery by Heinrich limited evidence of cycles, and

was an 11-year cycle in the gories. First, there are a few examples of cycles of around 11 and 22 years which appear to be linked to solar variability. Secondly, the natural variability of the global climate appears to produce regular fluctuations on almost any timescale from a few years to a few centuries.

The most convincing example of a solar link is the 22year (approximately) cycle in the index of drought in the central United States. An oscillation of between two and two and a half years, known as the Quasi-Biennial Oscillation (QBO), appears in many meteorological

cited considerable interest in recent years is the apparent link between the well-established **QBO** in the upper atmosphere winds and the 11year solar cycle. This may provide better predictions of certain meteorological events, including winters in the United States. Researchers are still scep-

One example that has ex-

tical, however, as there is currently no scientific explanation for the behaviour. All that can be said is that the climate fluctuates on every timescale from a few years to a few centuries. But past changes have not been ade-

quately explained and future variations cannot be predicted with any certainty. So there is no way of telling if current events are part of a natural cycle or the start of the ouse effect.

W. J. Barroughs

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cyprus Gruads

Passport to a crisis

Tel Aviv Airport is a confusion of noise and tears, as bewildered 1990 Russians, the women in head-

scarves or woollen hats, the men flashing gold teeth and wheeling trollies piled high with possessions, embrace Israeli officials armed with flowers, money and advice on housing and jobs. Set free by the Gorbachov reforms but barred from America by new US limits on immigration, Soviet Jews are pouring into Israel at the rate of 500 a day on flights from Budapest, Bucharest, and even directly from Moscow. Reeling under the shock of this

massive wave of immigration, or aliya, which far exceeds earlier immigration from Russia in the Seventies under détente, Israeli officials are talking of a "national emergency", and the army report-edly has plans to hand over military camps for temporary housing. Shimon Peres, Israel's finance minister, has asked Israeli industry to create 20,000 new jobs this year, David Levy, the housing minister, has pledged to build or renovate 30,000 new flats. More than 100,000 Soviet Jews are expected this year, as well as immigrants from Eastern Europe and Ethiopia. Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, has set up a special task force to cope with immigration, and speaks of a million Soviet Jews to be successfully absorbed within the next three to five years, with American Jewish organizations providing the estimated \$1 billion a year

But at Gilo on the outskirts of Jerusalem, in one of Israel's 38 absorption centres, the cramped and squalid conditions tell another story. The system is simply bursting at the seams. The flats do not yet exist, or are far beyond the means of the new arrivals, while the jobs are also sought by Israel's own unemployed. In som, cases, the airport tears of joy soon turn to tears of disappointment and

Avram Rodstein, who arrived

The Soviet Jews currently pouring into Israel are

putting a severe strain on its

resources.

Richard Owen

reports

with his son, his daughter and her husband and their two children, stands weeping in a musty, bare room heated by one small gas fire (Jerusalem winters are cold), damp seeping through the plaster and mould sprouting from the ceiling. "They gave us pamphlets in Russian promising £300 in cash and free medicine for six months," he says in distress. "But I got only £100, and my son and son-in-law got nothing. And I have to pay for medicine for my heart condition. They told me the money was running out."



Others have similar stories. Dr Asya Shenderova, a former children's doctor from Moscow, sobs as she

describes how the Israeli police have tried to evict her. She arrived three years ago, and immigrants are expected to find housing elsewhere after that time. "The bureaucracy here is worse than in Russia," she says bitterly. "We survived Hitler and Stalin, and thought we would be free in the country of the Jews, our own people. But here too they knock on the document of the middle of the city." the door in the middle of the night with eviction orders. I feel deceived, a third-class citizen."

According to the Jewish Agency, which helps to cope with immigra-tion, such cases are not typical. There is constant turnover at the absorption centres." says Gad

spokesman. "Those left inside are the ones less able to find their feet in Israel." Some three-quarters of the new arrivals do not go to absorption centres, but stay with relatives or friends until they can find accommodation. For those who choose such "direct absorption" the authorities offer submantial help with the rent in the first year. Even at Gilo, some of the immigrants admit that living in a run-down room in Israel is preferable to staying in Gorbachov's Russia, "where you have to queue for two hours to get sausage, and the new freedoms include anti-

Others say they wish they had stayed where they were. The growth of anti-Semitism in Russia is frequently cited by new arrivals as a reason for emigration. Yet paradoxically, many are barely aware of their Jewishness, and say openly that they would rather have gone to the US. "How can I get to America?" is often one of the first questions asked at the sirport. "If I had known it would be like this, I wouldn't have come," said Sofya Polonskaya, a piano teacher from Leningrad. "My husband is a composer, and hopes to get a visa for Israel too. But if he knew the truth, he would try for America instead."

According to Julia Mirsky, a clinical psychologist at the Hebrew University who came to Israel in the 1960s and now helps immigrants to adjust, the tensions arise not because of high expectations, but because the new arrivals have no expectations at all.

"In the Seventies we got committed Zionists such as Sharansky, who had been to prison for their beliefs," she says. Their problems stemmed from the gap between the ideal and the reality. Many of the new immigrants have no ideals at all, no motivation, and they don't know Hebrew. They are not running to Israel, they are running away from Russia, which is quite different. They are refugees.'

Others are concerned about the impact of the new Russian immigration on Israeli society.
"Nearly all of them are right-wing, mid will reduce the chances of an from the Ukraine a month ago Ben-Ari, the Jewish Agency's Israeli withdrawal from the occu-

Homecoming to an uncertain welcome: Soviet Jewish couple arriving at Tel Aviv Airport, lured by a pledge of help with money, jobs and housing.

pied territories as a path to peace," says Abraham Ben-Yakov, a Russian-Jewish journalist, "Moreover I fear friction between the Russian immigrants and the Sephardi Ori-ental communities." Already there are exclusive Russian enclaves in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, with Russian newspapers, vodka shops, and tell-tale satellite dishes

for receiving Moscow television.
Simha Dinitz, head of the
Jewish Agency, argues that the
new Russian immigrants will fit in and will rediscover their Jewish roots. Innel "has never been better prepared to absorb a wave of immigration", he claims Inten-sive courses in Hebrew and job retraining are being set up to make use of the new arrivals' pro-fessional qualifications (85 per cent of Soviet Jews have higher

But Israelis are critical of Peres for suggesting this week that, even without an overall absorption plan, Israel will "somehow manage", as it has in the past. They are even more critical of squabbling between the finance ministry, the housing ministry and the absorption ministry over who is in charge

of the "emergency".
Some suggest that Israel has less than a year in which to prove that it can find jobs and housing for the new arrivals. If the crisis worsens, experts say, the US might have to salvage the situation by reopening its doors. "That must not hap-pen," says Ben-Ari. "We need the Russian Jews, and we want them. This is what the state of Israel was founded for. We must not fail."

"Either we will cope or there will be a catastrophe," says Yuri Stern, a former refusnik who now helps to run a pressure group called Soviet Jewry Zionist Forum. He believes that estimates of future immigration are, if anything, an underestimate, as families who arrive here invite those left behind to join them - unless, of course, those left behind are put off by the mounting difficulties.

When he returned to Moscow last month to attend the first ever conference of Soviet Jewish orga-

Soviet Jews submitting requests to come to Israel in the full realization that the Jewish state was not ideal. As East European nationalism has again come to the surface, and unpleasant right-wing organizations such as Pamyat (Memory) flourish in the Soviet Union, Stern says Jews are once again being "pushed out", and are even being used as scapegoats by Russians bewildered by the pace of change and the collapse of long-

held illusions about Communism.

that Soviet Jews gain a "positive but not dis-**13 JAN** 1990 torted" picture

of life in Israel, Natan Sharansky, perhaps the bestknown Russian immigrant to Israel has produced a video film called Our home in Israel. The aim, he says, is to assure Russian

Jews that Israel is not "a bureau-

cratic country where your life is in

nizations, Stern was besieged by the hands of clerks", but rather a country which has its problems, but in which "life is incomparably deeper and richer and far more meaningful" than in the Soviet Union.

The film shows four families in everyday activities such as queu-ing at the bank, shopping in a supermarket, and visiting a kibbutz. It also shows new immigrants having to come to terms with service in the armed forces. But Sharansky and Stern admit that many Russian Jews are put off by the "socialist" aspects, and even refuse to accept the redcoloured membership card produced by Israel's trade union organization, the Histadrut.

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Russians are very sensitive to propaganda," the maker of the film, Inna Shapiro, says. "If you show them good, they will auto-matically believe that it is bad." In the end, the problem of absorbing-Russian Jows on a massive scale could prove as much a cultural and psychological challenge as a practical and financial one.

MUSEUMS

Europe's museums are packing off to Paris to display their wares, Simon Tait reports

ooks have Frankfurt, films have Cannes, the visual arts have Venice Biennale Europe, and music has Salzburg. Now museums have their international jamboree, which the organizers hope will be firmly fixed in the European calendar in the next couple of weeks: the Paris

The second SIME - officially the Salon International des Musées et des Expositions, a mixture of public exposition, trade fair and museum professionals' forum first held in 1988 - opens next Saturday in the Grand Palais, created in 1900 for the Universal Exhibition.

In its eight days, about 100,000 visitors will stroll around the presentation stands of 100 museums from nine European countries. With them will be not only European television and Press, but the American and Japanese media as well. They will see museum

stands designed by architects, including Aldo Rossi's for the West Berlin museums; they will see museums that haven t even been opened yet, such as Bonn's massive Kunsthalle, scheduled to open in 1992 they will see museums from Spain, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and The

They will also see a lot of French museums, but at the first SIME two years ago, which was five days long, 90 per cent of the representation was French. This year the proportion is 70-30. And last time there were no British museums. This year the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside (NMGM) is to be the flagship for the UK

nity to make contacts and to time connections."

Fair play in Paris



Paris-bound: Liverpool museum curator Yannick Minvielle-Debut cleans the "Ismay Silver"

tell the international community about what we are and what we've achieved," the director of the NMGM, Rich-

The NMGM is five Liverpool museums, brought together three years ago by the Government to give a focus to the troubled inner city and to lead an urban revival.

The Merseyside Maritime Museum has belped the Albert Dock to become one of the North West's greatest tourist attractions. The Tate Gallery put the museological seal of approval on the dock by opening its branch in a James Sterling converted warehouse two years ago.

"The theme is to be the sea," Foster says. "It's where Liverpool drew its prosperity from, and we're sending many "It's a tremendous opportu- objects to celebrate our mari-

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The Titanic features largely in the display, because the ship was registered in Liverpool So there will be such things as a first-class ticket, a lifeboat nameplate and a life jacket.

There will also be continuous demonstrations of how to put ships in bottles, by the maritime museum's resident expert, Des Newton. Half of the £15,000 cost of the foray into Europe is being met by sponsorship from the NMGM's Friends groups and its Manchester-based public relations consultants, Craw-

e want to do a number of things in Paris, as well as introduce ourselves to a new public," Foster says. "We want to make contact with our European

SACRIFICIAL RED: GIRZED porcelain by Fance Franck, the French potter. A study of copper red glazing of the style nected by the Jingdezhen potters of China in the 15th century. Study day planned next month for potters Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 278000). Tues-Sat 10am-

free, donations welcome. ILLUMINATION ILLUMINATED: The beauty of the painted word comes to Cambridge, Italian illuminasar manuscripts from the 12th religious art and the wealth of

4pm, Sun 2-4pm, Admission

colleagues and talk to them about exchanging exhibitions. swapping loans and our research work. We want to tell them about our education programme - particularly our new Natural History Centre [a space than last time, which runner-up in The Times-Shell Community Museum Award more room to the museums competition held last year]. We want to interest European museums in our publications and we want to see if we can

European companies. will be the Museum of the Moving Image, a runner-up in The Times-Shell Museums Year Trophy competition for 20 and 30 managers.
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The National Galleries of with objects. "We decided that

EXHIBITIONS

the church which produced them. Including an introductory display which explains the principles of manuscript production. MUSEUM MUSEUM Trumpington Street, Cambridge (0223 332900). Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15-5pm. Admission free.

A BRIGHTER WORLD OMORROW? Photographs by Henry Grant, a photographer working in London after the Second World War, which capture many of the historical social changes in the life of the capital during the Fifties,

not suffer under the lights and in the changeable atmosphere would give the wrong impression," says Timothy Clifford, the director of the group. On his stand he will recreate

to take objects which would

the theme of the main pational gallery on Edinburgh's Mound, recently restored to its colourful mid-19th century appearance, with reproductions of some of the great paintings in the museums: Gauguin, Cézanne, Reynolds and Raeburn are among the masters whose work will be carrying the Scottish banner. "I think we ought to be out there selling ourselves. I'm sad that our London colleagues are not able to be there, but in

subesquent years you'll see more and more British museums at SIME," Clifford says. The instigator and main organizer of SIME, with a budget of £1 million, is Jean-François Grunfeld, who wants the next event, in 1992, to be even bigger. "There were important museums which were not ready for SIME 1990, but who have booked for 1992, such as the Barcelona Muhas meant that we can give For 1992 I hope we will have many more British museums. and I want to get the ratio of

French to non-French museums down to 50-50. "We have been encouraged Representing the more by the number of curators who avant-garde British museums are coming from Britain. I've had a letter from the Area Museums Councils saying that they are sending between

sharing a stand with other in Paris, I think that the main exhibition has to be held here every two years. You wouldn't expect the Frankfurt Book Scotland will be there, but not Fair to be anywhere else, would you?

> Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). Tues-Sat 10am-

6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm. VICTORIAN VALUES: Children pass verdict on half a day spent in a Victorian ssroom, with paintings, poetry, prose, models and historical association and Sherraft and Hughes, the booksellers, award two cash prizes of £25 to the best entries on Wednesday. Joicy Museum, Newcastle upon Tyne (091 233 4562). The best period was in the

Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4.30om. Free. John Shaw

COLLECTING

DORSET DELIGHTS: A selection of early oak furniture, including a George II side table (est £1,000-£1,500), a George III food cupboard with a ventilated upper section (est £1,500-£2,000) and, from the same reign, a good bow-fronted hanging comer cupboard (est £1,000). Also a

Henry Duka & Son, 40 South Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1DG (0305 65080). Viewing: Mon, Tues Wed from 9am; late viewing Tues until 7pm. Sale: Thurs SUSSEX SURPRISES: 480-

lot ceramics section is the firm session in a comprehensive three-day sale covering many collecting fields. .

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CHESTER MOULDS: A collection of 4,000 late 19thcentury carved wooden mirror and furniture moulds are being offered, the stock of a small company which produced omamental decorations in Lancashire (est £950-£4,000). Also a 10-Diece suite of drawing room furniture used when King George V and Queen Mary attended the Royal Agricultural Show, Derby, in 1933 (est £15,000-£23,000).

Sotheby's, 28-30 Watergate Street, Chester CH1 2NA (0244 315531). Viewing: today 9.30am-12.30pm, Mon 9.30am-4.30pm, Tues 9.30am-3.30pm. Sale: Wed 10.30am.

CUTLERY AND CANDLESTICKS: A cased canteen of fiddle-pattern flatware for aix (est £200-£259) is among several diriner party essentials in this sale of party essentials in this a English and continental English and continental silver. There is also a cameen for eight (est £750-£1,000) and a third in king's pattern for 12 (est £1,600-£2,400). Bonhams, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 1HH (01-584 9161). Viewing: Sun 2.30-5pm, Mon 8.45am-7pm, Tues 9-10.30am. Sale: Tues 11am.

John Shaw

Rocking horse winners

ing horses may be made in London every year," said a craftsman specializing in these traditional Victorian toys when interviewed by the Morning Chronicle. "Perhaps it may be calculated this way, be said. "There are 30 men employed in making rocking borses and every man can make two a week. That gives 3,120 a year.'

What has happened to all the rocking horses? How many homes still sport one in the nursery or the attic? Or are they all in collections? And are there companies still manufacturing them?

To answer the last question first, there are about 10 companies, as well as a number of small one-man businesses, still making rocking horses in And there are, of course, a

number of large collections, notably at Pollocks Toy Museam, the Museum of London and the Bethnal Green Mu-seum of Childhood in London, and the Museum of Childhood in Edinburgh.

But the past few years have also seen an increase in the number of private collectors. It is still possible to find a traditional pillar stand rocking horse, carved out of wood blocks glued together, made at the beginning of this century. A good specimen of this type could cost more than £1,000, while for an early large Victorian bow rocker you must expect to pay in excess of £2,000 for a horse in any

late 1700s and early 1800s. Horses dating from this time are highly stylized, with exaggerated features. They are With a little horse

sense, a classic toy can become a safe bet for

an investment

inevitably on bow rockers and correctly identified, can fetch several thousand pounds

Dating models of this vintage in often very difficult, because very few of these early rocking horses bear a maker's name or label, and when they come up for sale they have usually been repainted. Generally, however, they were rather narrow, often painted with large irregular spots, and had their heads down in a racing position.

Rocking horses on piller stands -- otherwise known as safety stands - were an American idea that came to this country in the 1880s. The idea was to produce something more compact than the huge Victorian rockers.

he best-known mannfacturer between 1850 and 1931 was Lines Brothers - which later, as Triang Toys, became a household name. The company had its headquarters in the Old Kent Road, London, and supplied leading stores such as Harrods with models that were sold as "own breed"

Harrods still sells rocking horses of both types under its own label, but nowadays it is some common to buy new horses direct from manufacturers. A list of these can be

found in the only com available book on the subject, Rocking Horses by Marguerite Fawdry, published in its second edition in 1989 by Pollocks Toy Theatres of Scale

Street, London W1. Newadays the only con straints on the size of collection are space and price. In the case of one of the largest collections in the country, owned by Elizabeth Organ, at Clyro, Hereford and Worcester, space is no problem as she lives in a large Georgian country house and spreads her

collection over six rooms. But price is a different matter. Organ started ber collection 25 years ago and it now incudes most types of horse. She managed to acquire most of them at very reasonable prices, but at the begin-ning of this year paid £600 for a pretty pillar stand horse dating from around 1890.

Finally, a word of warning from David and Norcea Kiss, who make and restore rocking borses in Wesn, Shropshire, and have been in the business for 17 years. They point out that many good-looking pillar stand horses are of sentimental value only. You can esually tell if a horse of this type has a good pedigree by looking at the posts that support it. If they are square the horse is likely to be a fairly ordinary one. If they are nicely turned it probably carries a far

higher value. You should also look at the quality of the carving, and glass eyes are an indication of a good maker. Another telltale feature is the quality of the top plates that hold the swinging irons on to the wooden top

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THE TIMES COOK

Frances Bissell plans to take a taste of Britain to Hong Kong when she goes there as a guest cook



Rhubarb goes East

now I shall be unpacking my knives and chef's whites (although I am a cook, not a chef) to go into the kitchens of the Mandarin Oriental in Hong Kong, Chef Jürg Munch has once again invited me to be "guest cook" for a 10-day promotion. With lots of help from the kitchen staff, I will be responsible for the daily buffet lunch in the Clipper Lounge, as well as one or two daily specials in the famous Mandarin Grill. The buffet will have hot and cold dishes as well as a soup, a roast and a dessert table. I sent my recipes to Münch a

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couple of months ago, and he will see that all the ingredients are ordered. In principle, there is nothing edible that is unavailable in Hong Kong. Produce is flown in from all over the world, making a nonsense of the seasons. In practice, the last time I cooked there we did not have the right sort of black pudding and there were no blackberries to be found. On the other hand, I was able to use marvelious local scallops and oysters as well as the whitefleshed, firm, sweet grouper in my fish recipes.

The more I cook abroad, the

more I realize that people, particularly British expatriates, want to eat what they think of as British or English food. Why make puddings with litchis and longans when walnuts and rhubarb are what people miss? I shall be cooking beet and pigeon cobbler and steamed venison and Guinness pudding, rather than beef marinated in soy sauce and Thai herbs. Fish dishes will be the smoked haddock and spinach pie variety, rather than grouper in passion fruit and lemon grass sauce. Salmon, skate, herring roes and mackerel will also feature on my menus, and plenty of fruit tarts, junkets and syllabubs. Risottos, raviolis and lasagnes will be banned in favour of rabbit pie and game crumble. Even now, I hope, crisp English apples and farmhouse cheeses are winging their way to Hong Kong. Do come and keep me company if you're out that way. Here is a preview of some of my dishes.

red mackerol with mustare and honey sauce (Serves 4-6 as a starter) 2 large fresh mackerel fillets weighing about 11/21b/680g in all 1tbsp coarse sea salt 1tbsp golden granulated or light muscovado sugar 1tbsp vodka or gin heaped tosp chopped fresh dill

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tresh chopped dill

black pepper

With a pair of tweezers carefully remove any bones from every fillet. Mix together the salt, sugar, spirits, dill and pepper. Smear a little of it in the bottom of a one fillet on top, skin side down. Spread most of the remaining mixture on the flesh side of each fillet. Place the second fillet on top, skin side up and spread the remaining mixture on top. Cover with clingfilm, and weigh down with heavy tins. Refrigerate for 24-36 hours. When ready to serve, separate the fillets and slice thinly into oblique slices. Accompany with the sauce made by mixing together all six ingredients. Decorate with fronds of fresh dill and serve tye bread, pumpernickel or vollkornbrot with it. This is particularly delicious accompanied by ice-cold Polish or Russian Smoked haddock and spinach pie 2lb/900g potatoes

1 leek, well-washed, trimmed and sliced

small stick cinnamon

1tbsp black peppercoms

2 bay leaves

thep allspice

tsp mace

Itsp flour

2tbsp olive oil

1/20z/15g butter

tsp ground ginger

6 cloves

1 stick celery, trimmed and sliced

Trim and wipe the piece of beef. Rub it all over with salt, ginger

and cardamom and place it in a

large bowl. Place the rest of the

ingredients, except the last four, in

a saucepan, bring them to the boil

and pour them over the meat.

Cool quickly, then cover and

refrigerate for up to 72 hours,

turning the meat occasionally.

When ready to cook the meat

choose a casserole only slightly

meat from the marinade, dry it all

over and heat the oil in a frying

pan or in the casserole. When the

oil is hot, sear the meat all over

until browned. Put it into the

casserole and add about half the

marinade and vegetables. Cover

and cook in a slow oven, 170-180°C/325-350°F, gas mark 3-4, for three and a half hours. Check the liquid level after a couple of

hours and add more of the

marinade and vegetables if much

When the meat is cooked, lift it

out of the casserole, transfer it to a

carving dish and keep it warm.

Pour the pan juices and any

remaining marinade into a sauce-

has evaporated.

11/2lb/680g undyed smoked haddock fillet %pt/430ml milk 3oz/85g butter salt, pepper 1lb/455g (prepared weight) cooked, well-drained spinach

6 size-3 eggs %pt/140ml double cream

freshly grated nutmeg Peel and boil the potatoes. Lightly

poach the fish in the milk, remove with a fish slice and allow to cool. Use some of the milk and about half of the butter to mash the potatoes until smooth, creamy and well seasoned. Butter an ovenproof dish with the rest of the butter and spread the spinach over the base. Make six light depressions in it and slide a raw egg into each. Flake the fish and lay it on top. Spoon the cream over the grated nutmeg. Cover with the mashed potatoes and run a fork over the top. Bake in a moderately hot oven, 190°C/375°F, gas mark 5, for about 20-25 minutes until the potatoes are nicely browned. Spiced topside trained in case

4lb/1.8kg boned and rolled topside or silverside

2tsp salt 2tsp ground ginger 2tsp ground cardamom ¼pt/140ml cider vinegar

%pt/430ml dry cider 1 medium onlon, peeled and sliced 1 medium carrot, peeled and sliced

pan and bring to the boil. Simmer for a few minutes while you prepare a ginger beurre manie by mixing together the flour, softened butter and ground ginger. Drop bit by bit into the saucepan, stir and cook for a further 10 minutes. Slice the meat, and strain the sauce over it, or into a sauceboat to serve separately. As a final touch, the meat can be flamed in a spoonful of heated Calvados.

Rhubarb fooi (Serves 4-6)

1lb/455g fresh rhuberb, trimmed weight 1/4tsp ground cinnamon

honey or sugar to taste

½pt/280ml double or whipping cream or 1/slb/230g thick plain yoghurt

Cut the rhubarb into 1in/2.5cm lengths, rinse under cold water and put in a saucepan. Cover and simmer gently with the spice until the fruit is soft. Stir in sugar or honey to taste. Cook a little longer until the sugar has melted. Allow the fruit to cool completely. Whip the cream, and gently fold it into the fruit pulp, or fold the fruit pulp into the yoghurt, if using it (fold the lighter texture into the heavier). Spoon into bowls or glasses and chill until required.

Walnut pie (Serves 6-8)

1/4/b/230g shortcrust pastry 6cz/170g light muscovado sugar

1tbsp plain flour 2 size 3 eggs

14 lb/110g melted butter juice of 1/2 smail lemon 10oz/280g walnut haives or pieces

Roll out the pastry and line a 9in or 10in (23cm or 25cm) diameter pie dish. Mix the sugar and flour, then gradually beat in the eggs, milk, and lemon juice. Stir in the nuts and pour the mixture into the pie dish. Bake in a preheated oven, 190°C/375°F, gas mark 5, for 45 minutes or so. Serve warm.

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BEER

Renewed call for porter

by light ales

A signs boasting the sale of porter, but all but a few are archaeological relics of our depleted beer culture. Everyone knows the word porter, but hardly anyone has a clear idea of what it was.In the 18th and 19th centuries, porter was the dominant beer sold in Britain. In 1800 it was reckoned that of every 17 pints of beer sold in London, 15 would be

The style was supposed to have been brewed originally at the Bell in London's Shoreditch in 1722, in response to the working man's habit of demanding "three threads", which might be one third tuppenny ale, one third ha penny ale, and one third ordinary beer. To save pulling at three pumps to serve a single pint, the landlord at the Bell produced a brew which mixed the three styles in one barrel, and sold it as Entire

The name porter, of course, came from the beer's clientele -the porters in the produce markets of east London and the City — but its fame spread far

more widely. London porter was the Porter reigned first beer to be widely imitated. Nowadays it is supreme until it was challenged easier to get por-ter-style beers in and supplanted the United States, Scandinavia or even China than it is in Britain.

Porter reigned supreme until the mid-19th century, when it was challenged and gradually supplanted by the light ales which originated in Burtonon-Trent. Its popularity dwindled, until it was almost finally extinguished by the First World War. From 1973, when Guinness finally abandoned brewing it for sale in Northern Ireland, porter was actually extinct in the United Kingdom for some years.

Now interest has been resuscitated by the enthusiasm of some home-brewing "old ale" fans and a handful of small breweries. Not only are old brewers' recipes being revived to try to re-create the porter style, but yeast from surviv-ing bottles of 19th-century porter is being used in the attempt.

The source for the yeast is the wreck of a cargo ship sunk off Littlehampton in 1825. It is known to divers as the "bottle wreck", and two of the bottles of porter retrieved from it were passed to Keith Thomas, a microoiologist who, in conjunction with the City of London Polytechnic, runs Brewlab, a brewers' consult-

One of the bottles, ceremonially opened at a workshop on porter in London, proved to contain nothing but contaminated sea-water. From the other, though, Thomas got a liquid of almost 10 per cent alcohol, but recognizable, to chromatography if not taste, as beer of almost barley-wine strength. And from that he was able to isolate a few surviving yeast cells, from which he has cultivated usable quantities of the same strain.

Thomas says that it has been known for yeasts to survive a century in controlled conditions. The cold, dark and presumably stationary conditions on the sea

lmost every day I pass pub bed must have been almost ideal for the contents of the waxstoppered bottle.

Thomas thinks that the yeast he revived was probably used as a finisher in brewing the historic porter, and for that reason he has used it in a similar way in batches of porter brewed for the Flag Brewery. "It is smaller in cell size and does not ferment the full range of materials that other yeasts would," he says. "The old brewers would have used mixed yeast strains, added to the brew at different times to do different jobs. Nowadays brewers want one interbred yeast to do everything."

Inevitably, with its widespread fame and popularity, porter became a much diversified style before it passed out of fashion. Opinions now vary very much as to what it should be like. Thomas believes that it should really have an original gravity of at least 1060. At lower strengths, he says, fermentation works differently and the beers lose in complexity. Beer strengths have steadily

diminished over the years. When alcoholic strength for excise duty was established, the standard was set at 1055. That would be exceptionally strong now, when the average is 1038. It is widely supposed that stout was originally extra-

strength, porter, but modern "stout" Guinness stout has fairly standard gravity of about 1037 to 1040 in the United Kingdom, though it is said still to exceed 1060 for tropical markets.

The other distinctive characteristics of porter were that it was a dark beer using roasted barley or mait, and with more hops than its successor beers. Traditionally it was top fermented, though some of the porter-influenced styles surviving abroad are dark, roasted, bottom-fermented brews.

The British breweries now reviving porter recipes include the Pitfield Brewery, whose fruity, mellow porter is a success in porter's native country, at the Ship and Blue Ball in Boundary Street, Shoreditch, and from the Beer Shop in Pitfield Street, the Malton Brewery in Yorkshire, whose product, Pickwick's Porter, originated as a Dickensian Christmas special two years ago and proved so popular that it still sells at the Crown Hotel in Malton; and the Burton Bridge Brewery in Burton, the town whose beers were to porter as lager is now to bitter

I have also heard of porters being made by the Oak Brewery at Ellesmere Port in Cheshire; Timothy Taylor's in Yorkshire; the Ringwood Brewery in Hampshire; Crouch Vale in Essex: the Orange brew-pub in Pimlico; and the Woodforde Brewery in Erpingham, Norfolk. Why not try one perhaps with a porterhouse steak?

Robin Young

• The Flag Brewery porter is distributed by Vinceremos, Unit 10, Ashley Industrial Estate, Wakefield Road, Ossett, West Yorkshire, WF5 9JD (0924 276393), and is available at 85p a bottle or £20.40 a case of 24; not including delivery. not including delivery.

one French appellation that is misleading. Agen, the depart-mental capital of Lot-et-Ga-

ronne, is the market centre for

a large fruit-growing area but

is outside the production zone

for the plums, which in their

dried form have given it a

Today, pruneaux d'Agen are far more likely to come from

California than from France,

The varieties developed for

the Agen markets have been

transported and flourish in the

Santa Clara valley, where

production is 30 times greater

than that of France. There are

also important crops from

Australia, and prize speci-

mens recently have been com-

ing (still with the Agen name)

from the Argentine province

The prune's fall from grace

reflects our loss of a tradition

for eating fruits with meat,

which now survives only in

blobs of apple sauce with pork,

and a seasonal rush of cran-

berries to go with turkey. But a

well-preserved prune is a

of Mendoza.

world-wide reputation.

WINE

Jane MacQuitty explores the most infuriating, and the most fascinating, wine myths

Stuff of legends

myths start as a sly marketing ploy on the part of the producers. The most famous of these is "Naty Council looked on the look in 1927. The king of the found the state of the manual is poleon Cognac". This is probably because Courvoisier, one of the largest cognac producers, still calls itself "The Brand of Napoleon" and uses the emperor's image in its The second of the such is the advertising. Although true vintage cognac is now being made again in France, it would be impossible today for any cognac, aged in wood and topped up regularly with younger cognacs as the spirit evaporates, to be made exclusively from the cognacs of Napoleon's day. The nearest any of us could get to the great taste of an early-19th century cognac is to try Hennesey's Paradis, made from 40-yearold cognacs (Harrods, £140). One wine legend which

could well be true, is that those siliy saucer-shaped champagne glasses are modelled on Marie Antoinette's breasts. The rest of the more in the country of the country True or not, it is a ridiculous shape for champagne, allowing only the meanest of measures and ensuring that both bubbles and bouquet rapidly disappear.

the prices that the the second that the prices of the pric More recent wine legends that are still widely believed 233d Section 1000 15 Miles 200 and are truly damaging, are that the longer you keep a it open before serving the better the wine within. Neither are true. A very small percentage of the world's wines improves with age -

under needs to be drunk within a year or so of its harvest, and even first-class claret and top-notch domainebottled Burgundy from difficult years sometimes need as little as three or four years Letting a wine "breathe" is a

myth that too many people believe. By all means open a bottle of wine half an hour before guests arrive to save yourself fumbling with the corkscrew when everyone is desperate for their first drink. But don't fall into the trap of opening a cheap and not so cheerful red wine at breakfast in the hope that it will magically transform into a great bottle by dinner. It won't. All that will have happened is that the wine, exposed to air, will start to soften and oxidize. Thirty minutes or so of this might well help to get rid of any stale air trapped between cork and wine, but any longer and the oxidation process will start to

turning the palate into a thin, stringy mouthful. My experience of serving wine, whether humble or fine, has taught me that "dumb" bottle and the longer you leave red wines can always be brought out by a judicious swirl or two in the glass. Wines that are perfect on the first sip, but deteriorate thereafter cannot be brought back. White most are vinified to be drunk wines, including the most young when their fresh fruit is costly champagnes and white These range from straight- sale at £70.15.

suspect that many wine at its most appealing. Any burgundies, need no aeration myths start as a sly wine priced around £3.50 and at all, and should be served at all, and should be served straight from the fridge. Another infuriating myth is

that pre-phylloxera clarets were somehow finer than those of today. The legend started with the arrival of phylloxera, a vine-destroying aphid, which came to Europe from the United States and was first documented in Britain and France in 1863.

The only solution to the phylloxera problem was to graft the vine on to American root stock which are more resistant to the pest than its Soon after the first grafted Bordeaux vineyards were planted and the first wine was made from them, the great debate began. Christie's, King Street, St James's, London SW1, regularly has pre-phylloxera clarets on offer. The next major sale is on April 5.

If the pre-phylloxera wine myth infuriates, then the Tokay Essencia legend fasset in with a vengeance, at first softening the wine's fruit but cinates. I have been to northeventually killing bouquet and east Hungary, and have visited the mysterious, underground Tokay cellars, where everything is covered in a thick, black, furry mould, so I remain sceptical about this sweet wine's reputed powers. Since the Middle Ages, the finest, rarest, sweetest Tokay wine, Essencia, made from shrivelled, late-harvest noble rot grapes, has been thought to have exceptional properties.



forward restorative through less believable aphrodisiac to the ridiculous rejuvenescent. I tasted two rare "Museum"

Tokay Essencia, as the Hungarians describe their finest bottles, in the cellars at Tokay. The first, a 1964 Tokay Aszu Essencia. Was golden-brown in colour, and sweet with an unremarkable smoky background and a vague apricot or noble rot-like flavour about it. The second, a 1958 Essencia, was so thick and syrupy and sweet that a spoon could have stood up in the glass. If you want to experience a legend, contact Adnams, The Crown, High Street, Southwold, Suffolk, which has the 1968 Tokav Aszu Essencia on offer at £37.95 and a 1957 vintage on

WINE BUYS

 St Julien, Mejestic Wine Warehouses, 23.99
Generic St Julien is a rarity, and the robust, young, firm fruit of this 1986 and 1987 vintage blend, complete with a smidgen of a top cru classé claret, makes a fine January price of £3.99 down from £4.99 means that this wing will not last for ever.

 1987 Les Brullère de Beychevelle, Wizard Wine Warehouses, 25.99 The rich, truffley-grassy fruit of this lesser wine from fourth-growth St Julien property, Beychevelle, is tastier than Majestic's version — and so it should be at the price.

The dried up fruit?

FOOD

here seems to be a misunderstanding someone is a bit of prune is distinctly derogatory, and Pilot Officer Prune was a joke figure, the wartime forerunner, I suppose, of the modern wally (Robin Young writes). The contrast with plums

runs wholly in the fresh fruit's favour and to the dried's disadvantage. So in Washington the official directory to political appointments is universally known as "The Plum Book", and as a counterpoint a publisher produced The Prune Book, a guide to the hundred toughest jobs in

But as the man said, "a prune is a plum with experience". Our national distaste for

prunes doubtless derives from schoolday experiences of woefully overcooked specimens in coagulated custard or obscenely decorating congealed rice pudding. Their reputation as a powerful purgative will not have helped.

Yet when the French specialists in luxury comestibles, the Comtesse du Barry company, sought to improve the diet of Soviet astronauts with whom a Frenchman was to travel to the space station Mir, the very first thing they thought of was rabbit with

The plum of plum pudding was originally a prune. Just across the Channel, in France, they still make plum puddings with prunes, in fact, as any daytripper can see at the best pâtisserie in Boulogne, Lugand in the Grande Rue. They make an interesting The time is ripe to the name D'Agen, but this is

put aside our schoolday

prejudices and to start taking prunes

seriously Worrying about it

doesn't actually add to your appeal.

contrast to our own Christmas pudding, in which erstwhile plums have shrivelled to mere raisins and sultanas.

Do not suppose that just any plum can become a prune. Old horticultural manuals used to specify which British varieties would suit the purpose. You will not, I think, find any in commercial

production now. The most important requirement in the potential prune was that it should stay on the tree when fully ripe and mature, so that it could be harvested with maximum sweetness and no damage.

The best prunes come with

much more seasonally appropriate and succulently satisfying fruit than a shame-faced strawberry, flown from the southern hemisphere and tasting of turnip. Prune tartiets are wickedly delicious, pork with prunes is scoffingly good, and prunes stuffed with cream cheese or almond paste are some of the easiest party pieces you could possibly

It would be a good New Year resolution to eat well all the year round, not just at Christmas - and to restore the prune to national favour as a first step.

EATING OUT

Tokyo on the Thames

of alien cooking being rendered "accessible" we are usually referring to some act of bowdlerization that is intended to court the timid tongues of a squeamish nation: small birds, inner organs, rotting fruit, fermented fish, reptiles - all these are happily scoffed in various corners of the planet. But here? Despite this country being a market-place of the world's kitchens it still sports a puritanical rash of taboos.

The means, however, by which Japanese cooking has recently been rendered accessible are pecuniary rather than sub-gastronomic. A stratum of Japanese eating places that are readily affordable has appeared in the past few years. Equally good news is the fact that these places mostly offer an unbowdlerized repertoire since they rely on (again, mostly) a Japanese clientele. Put simply, there are now two and a half tiers of Japanese restaurant in London: (a) Expensive, wall-to-wall folklore; fetishistic exquisiteness in the presentation of food; the wife is not convinced geishas aren't filles de joie and reckons you've been at a sauna 'n' massage with fancy food thrown in; (b) Expensive; half-hearted folklore; the same food; domestic harmony. The third, the smallest tier, is the winsome one: these restaurants are canteen-like, are undecorated or have been decorated by a gang who suffer daltonism, are less expensive than the expensive ones, do not constitute a tourist board conspiracy, and consequently peddle a sort of authenticity that has nothing to do with kimonos and ritual. They are the gastronomic embassies of Tokyo now. They may not serve fugu (blowfish), which, unless it is correctly gutted and de-veined, will kill you (several hundred deaths per annum in Japan), but they do serve dishes which have not been amended for our (alleged) tastes. These quasi-canteens are, roughly, the equivalents of tapas joints. They fulfil the same function. They're for drinking in as much as for eating at: the small portions of different dishes are, supposedly, secondary to the bevvies. The correct form, in Tokyo or Madrid, Osaka or Cadiz, is to fill up with sake or whisky or sherry, then to head off elsewhere for a proper dinner.

Because there is not a profusion of proper restaurants within staggering distance, the London form is to elide the two sorts of eating house. Nanten in Marylebone, Ninjin in west Euston, and Ikkyu in TottenJonathan Meades visits London's latest Japanese restaurants



ham Court Road are the leaders in this tier of London-Japanese restauration or canteenery.

They are now joined by a fourth called Yoisho. This is just around the corner from Ikkyu, in Goodge Street, a street that still possesses a commercial mix of which we've probably seen the last: it's not just restaurants that are going to go to the wall because of the daftly homogeneous rate revaluations stationery shops and butchers and clothes shops will go that way, too. Only chain-owned establishments will keep going, because they are subsidized by, say, pizza houses in Burslem and Gateshead. Yoisho is not among the likely survivors — but then very few worthwhile London restaurants are. It's not too difficult to foresee a time when only those with Cabinet salaries and above will be able to afford to eat in this capital; mere MPs will have to attend to the more modest restaurants in their constituencies. If I were Mr Julian Critchley, Fd book myself a permanent table in Johnny

Gurkin's of Aldershot till the end of the millennium.

Yoisho is more akin to Ikkyu, its neighbour, than it is to the other places in its stratum. They do rarefied tidbits, Ikkyu and it go downhome - but home to where no one knows. They appear to serve some form of mountain-peasant cooking. They both do - and Yoisho does it better - a beef and potato stew. Yoisho's is good to look at. It shows that Japanese cooking and its French avatar -

CORRECTION

ONE SIXTEEN In last week's column I mistakenly stated that the restaurant One Sixteen, in Knightsbridge, which I reviewed favourably in September 1989 (six stars), had closed. This is not the case, it was closed only over the Christman closed only over the Christmas and New Year holiday and is now apologise to the chef/proprietor lan McAndrew and to any readers who have been misled.

nouvelle cuisine - do not have to be set out by a flower arranger to achieve a pleasing appearance. This dish is strikingly good to taste and looks good because of that expectation - the stew is the colour of NHS "tortoiseshell" glasses, the potato is Sam Brown. The potato, too, is not any old potato but one that keeps its shape during cooking.

Yoisho also does an unusual dish called "mountain potato". The dish itself, though, is impressive if you enjoy slime. It comprises potato, raw salmon and raw slime. The last is some sort of seaweed. It's the texture rather than the taste that might be off-putting. On the other hand the name of another dish, "fried frog", is more likely to choke you than is the fry-up on the plate, which is none other than the dismal old French dish of frogs' legs. I've never previously eaten them in this country, and only once in France. The only reason that I can give for being friendlier to frogs than to other sources of meat is that other sources tend to taste better. The fish

cludes tuna, salmon, mackerel, cutilefish, sole, prawn, octopus and marinated trout.

Offal-haters will hate the yakitori of chicken heart and beef tongue. Vegzies will adore the deep-fried beaucurd with ginger. The one sweet on offer was an ice-cream made of sump oil flavoured with vanilla. Memorable for the wrong reason, just as the place is memorable for the right one. £50.

arkway in Camden Town has, so I'm informed by the boss of one of them, 11 architectural practices. Their effect on Kete has been minimal - and I mean minimal, not minimalist. Like Yoisho the appearance is utilitarian. Unlike Yoisho its kitchen belongs to that of everyday Tokyo-on-Thames but at least it keeps its prices down and is low on kimonos. The menu is bog-standard and the service is OK. Perhaps the staff should have explained why the vegetable tempura was soggy. Maybe they should have known precisely why the chicken teriyaki was served with two thick fish-shop chips and a Chinese take-away sauce. Maybe they should be discouraged from telling punters how to eat. If you have the nous to send these guys on their way, the cooking is all right. Indeed the deep-fried pork and onion is special. £58.

Sakura is situated among a tiny cluster of Japanese shops in the West End. The restaurant is approached along a long and cheerless corridor. This gives on to a cubic and cheerless space of banquettes and tables. It is not afflicted by Japan: Land of Design. Tempura, teriyaki, sashimi - they are all prepared and served with a joyless

There is nothing novel, nothing odd about the menu - but the place is thoroughly competent. A sound introduction to Japanese cooking.

***** 33 Goodge Street, London W1 (01-323 0477) Dinner Mon to Sat. 250. No cards. KOTO

75 Parkway, London NW1 (01-482 2036) Lunch and dinner Mon to Sat. 258. Most cards.

9 Hanover Street, London W1 (01-629 2951) Lunch every day, dinner Mon to Sat. £35. Most cards

Stars - up to a maximum of 10 - are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices

are for a three-course meal for two. They include an aperitif and modest wine in the case of French places, tea in the case of oriental ones and so on. Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are given only as an indication of the establishment's repertoire.

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CENTRAL EUROPEAN

credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

Cauch Club
74 West End Lane, London
NW6 (01-328 0131)

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Looks the a bed-sitter which has
been turned into a restaurant, there
whiter food well-prepared and
served at knock-down prices:
boiled beef with dumplings, roast
duck with dumplings, dumplings
with apricot. Good Czech beer and
fruit spirits. \$25.

Zemoyski ISSD Fleet Roed, London NWS (01-794 4792) *** Downstains is a wine but with a Downstains is a mittel-Europea cooking. Upstains is a folksy resourced that oriest some very decent Poilsh cooking, such as a pancake of apple with smoked salmon, outstanding lattes, outstain and lightly cured certains. coulbiac, and lightly cured sa £25.

SW7 (01-589 6117)

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Legendary Polish tea-room and restaurant that that been a normal from home for generations of amigrés. Homely cooking at astonishingly low prices: borscht, chłodnik, piroshi, stuffed cabbege, herrings with sour cream, nice cales. Drink lemon tea or Tutra beer. £18.

Lowiczunica 238-246 King Street, London, W6 (01-741 3225) ***

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The resourant of the Polish Social and Cultural Camera. A bit like an anonymous 1960s hotel in Lodz. The clientele is largely composed of Polish families. They are served by matronly ladies in "authentic" costume. The food is copious—tripe, shafled cabbage, oured sausage, potato pancakes, sweet pancakes. There are numerous liavoured vodona to choose from and Tetra beer. £22.

STEAK AND CHIPS

Café Pelicen 45 St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-379 0309/0259)

Large pseudo-French "brasserie" whose efforts at sophisticated dishes are usually woeful, but whose straik and chips, Toulouse sausages and the fitte are sound enough. £40,

PHECHORY Caté des Fleurs 280 West End Lane, London NW6 (01-435 5290)

*** High class steak and chip joint. The chips are offered in two widths and are very good indeed, as is the mest. The more ambitious daily specials are less appealing. Friendly service, inexpensive wayse framers as the name.

wines, flowery as its name suggests. £60. Griff St Quentin Yeoman's Row, Brompton Road, London SW3

(01-581 8377) One of the largest restaurants in London and based, decoratively, on one of the largest in Paris, La Coupole. However it in not a brasserie, but a steak and chips outlit which also serves standard lesue known thans such as fole grasseries. Within its 100 narrow limits perfectly acceptable, but it seems to be an opportunity missed. The clientate is relentlessly fashionable, the service is relentlessly inept. 272. Here is a second of the second

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Lychgates
5a Church Street, Old Town,
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(0424 212193)
*** 大大大大大 Smail and homely restaurant in part of a Wealden house in a pretty street of weather-boarded buildings. Accomplished and well-judged cooking, amiable service. The menu is very under-stated — when it says lamb caserole you get just that, but done with a surranges of trutch that is sureness of touch that is remarkable, impressive starters, delicious sweets. There's nothing very notable to drink. The prices are most reasonable. 235-240.

La Vielle Auberge 27 High Street, Battle, East Sussex (0424 65171) ***

The cooking is almost, but not guite, hoist by its own over-ambition. Lamb with a tart of last's ickney and leeks, raviolis of crab-hoth suggest a dealer to asceed the ldtchen's capabilities. 235.

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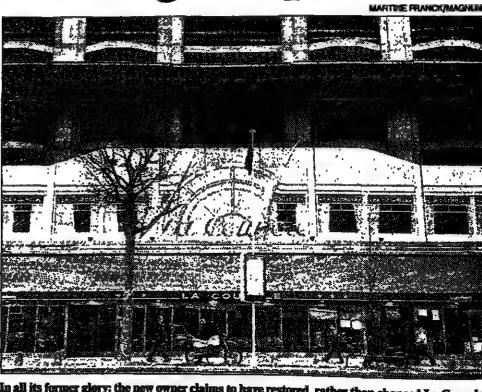
La Coupole, the artists' favourite watering hole in the Twenties, has a New Look or has it?

cople go to La Coupole in Paris because it is their habit to do so, because it contrives to be all things to all men and women (and children), because it is a comfortable club of which you don't have to be a member, because it's, well, there, and open almost every hour of every day of the year.
You can stroll through its

vast salon any time, just to see if there's anyone around who you know. If there isn't, you can sit on the terrace with a paper and a Ricard or a demipression and wait for someone to show. You can hide in the American Bar and, sipping a Twenties cocktail, brood about the meaning of it all, You can order, from the seasmelling banc d'huitres at the other end of the terrace, a consoling dish of oysters. Or you can dine en tête à tête and be sure that your sweet nothings, which in some "intimate" joint would be as private as a flight call at Heathrow, will go unheard. And if that works out, you can go below deck and dance, if not till dawn, at least into the small hours.

Like all great works of man, the Coupole has achieved a kind of universality. But before there was the Coupole there was Montparnasse, a quartier which was, as someone remarked, sans histoire, sans passé ni souvenirs. To the artists of the Twenties, disillusioned with a Montmartre that had become - partly because of their presence populous, sophisticated, and spoilt, Montparnasse, bourgeois, provincial, was a blank page, a bare canvas.

So the likes of Derain, Van Dongen, Modigliani and Picasso moved in. Word spread abroad of this place where a fellow could live and paint as he pleased, and Chagall, Kisling and Zadkine dis-embarked at the Gare Montparnasse. Their presence, and a favourable exchange rate, lured Hemingway, Dos Pas-



In all its former glory: the new owner claims to have restored, rather than changed La Coupei

sos, Faulkner, e. e. cummings. On the evening of December 20, 1927, Messrs Fraux and Lafon invited a bunch of the locals - among them Foujita, Vlaminck, Cocteau, Blaise Cendrars, Derain, Kiki the model and Man Ray, that week's lover, Pascin, Aragon - to the inauguration of their new venture, La Coupole, conveniently situated just down the Boulevard Montparnasse from the Metro Vavin. (Quite a few of the then little-known freeloaders were only too happy to accept commissions from their hosts to paint canvases to the size of the 32 pillars of the establishment: you can see them there today, an extraordinary evocation - from cubism to

l'art nègre - of an extraor-dinary epoch). At the heart of les années folles, the Coupole seemed to be a folly. Here in one building was a vast case with terrace, an American bar (the latest chic), un dancing, a great salon with its multitude of pillars, a swank restaurant - La Pergola open to the sky, and on top of that a terrain, thoughtfully provided for les amateurs de boules. And the whole kit and

caboodle was open day and night, winter and summer. The place was immediately taken to heart by the artists and writers, who themselves became yet another attraction for the large, anonymous crowd that constantly milled there: a performance daily To a newcomer, back in the

Fifties, it seemed as if the place must always have been like this, would always be so. The clientele had changed (some of them) in name if not in kind. I rubbed elbows in those days with the likes of Max Ernst, Calder, Chagall, Man Ray, Cartier-Bresson, the stick-like Giacometti, the stocky César. ut, not long ago, 60 years after creating

the Coupole, René Lafon (still, in his nincties, to be seen at night patrolling his vast domaine) sold it, just like that, to one Jean-Paul Bucher, boss of the Groupe Flo, a chain of highlysuccessful Thirties-pastiche brasseries. The new owner promptly announced that he would close the place indefinitely in order, he said, to restore it to its former glory, but also, it emerged, to pile a few floors on top of it and make a heap of money.

Now you can see (and taste) the result. Shock! What is this? The old Coupole gone - like everything else green? Those famous 32 pillars, once a restful Bordeaux colour, now gleam in a shade somewhere between jade and emerald, shot through, what's more, with shards of gold. But wait.

Coupole looked on that historic night in 1927. That was what they found when they cleaned off the nouveau bor-

The 32 original canvases are there, cleaned of the patina bestowed by the smoke from several million Gauloises.

The tables retain their maze-like formation - though they are covered now in snowy cloth instead of raffish paper.

In the bar, once an enclave apart, you can order a White Lady, a Blue Angel or a Black Russian. It is now open to the great salon, at the other end of which the banc d'huitres has been redecorated in Thirties style to conform, and enlarged

to become the biggest in Paris. The rest of the food in the old Coupole was never any-thing to send a postcard home about, and the new menu suggests that the cuisine, and the prices, have gone up-market. Some of the traditional Coupole dishes have been retained: what the place has always fondly regarded as a curry, with its range of chutneys, the cassoulet, the steak tartare, the souffle Grand Marnier, the Omelette Norvegienne (Baked Alaska) and Hot Fudge, a winning confection of vanilla icc cream with hot chocolate sauce and grilled aimonds.

This is, they claim, the way the . Charles Hennessy

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A voice raised to fever pitch

"I thought that everyone lived this way, in the grey chill of impending violence," writes Norma Deloris Egstrom, describing the early years of physical and mental persecution inflicted upon her by a tyrant of a stepmother. Norma Deloris became known worldwide as Peggy Lee, and her autobiography covers 50 years as singer, composer and, at one time, actress.

Born in 1920, and growing up in the North American Midwest, she had a childhood ghastly enough for a Grimms fairy tale; but she documents the beatings she suffered in such a detached way that they could have happened to somebody else.

It is significant that she never dared tell anyone; not even her father, whom she "tried to hide everything from ... he was so troubled". As a teenager she de-cided that she wanted a singing career, and jumped at an early opportunity to work on local radio stations. Her work in Los Angeles and Chicago led to a major career break in 1941 with the Benny Goodman Orchestra, whose sevenday working week she describes as being like those little Swiss figures in a cuckoo clock.

She portrays vividly her excitement at being with the orchestra and meeting the great artists of the day, including Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, and the young Frank Sinatra. She also met at this time her first husband, David Barbour, a guitarist with the orchestra, whom she married in 1943.

She seems to have been surrounded by people who recognized her intuitive talent and contributed to her artistic development. One of these in particular was her favourite lyricist, Johnny Mercer, who became her mentor at the outset of her career at Capitol records. "When I was working on I Don't Know Enough About You'

There is little as seductive as

the promise to overthrow

received opinion. And

Larry Wolff's assault, with

his confidently assertive subtitle, on the established notions of fin-de-

siècle Vienna promises no less. The

soundtrack of his delicately re-

visionist historical reconstruction

of Vienna in the 1890s — Broch's

"gay apocalypse" — is not the elegant clatter of coffee cups and

sweetly elegiac strains of swirling waltzes in cultured salons, but the ominously orchestrated roar of the

crowd, baying at the spectacle of

child battery and murder. But in truth, the noise emanating

most distinctly from Postcards from the End of the World is the

Wolff is an academic, and brings to

his work all the respectable hesi-

tancy and meticulous caution of his

the bed-clothes.

Chris Krage

MISS PEGGY LEE An Autobiography By Peggy Lee Bloomsbury, £14.95

he made some wonderfully constructive comments. He advised me to tear it all apart and do it over again. It really was fun reconstructing it, and it was a vast improvement. That was probably one of my best instructions on construction - by a master."

The writing partnership with her husband David culminated in the tremendously successful recording of "Manana". However, Barbour's alcoholism was making her married life increasingly unstable, and after a series of upheavals they divorced in 1951 — the same year that her father died.

Paradoxically, this double blow marked the start of what she considered to be a very creative time. Working hard to keep herself from fretting about David, she was also starting to take charge of her professional life. Her innovative recording of the Rogers/Hart composition "Lover" resulted from her ignoring Richard Rogers's strict rules about how his songs were to be interpreted - something she 'must have forgotten".

This led eventually to her leaving Capitol Records and signing with Decca for a five-year period. Not only was her recording career gaining momentum, but her composing abilities came to light with arrangements for "Tom Thumb", "Johnny Guitar", and Walt Disney's "Lady and the Tramp", co-scored with Sonny Burke. This in turn led to a role in the film Pete Kelly's Blues, a part she felt so strongly about that she declared she would pay to play it.



Name dropper: the remarkable Peggy Lee today, and on three of the EP sleeves charting her musical progress

The character of Rose, an aspiring singer, proved she had considerable acting ability, and she was nominated for an Oscar as best support-

Although she does not reveal her own feelings about her cinematic success, she is not so reticent about her other work. But although she peppers the narrative with glamorous names such as James Dean and Marlene Dietrich, these don't succeed in lifting the story from anything other than a chronicle of events. The book jumps to 1958, and her famous recording of Little Willie John's "Fever" with her own special lyrics. Then the memoir

goes straight into recollections of the "electrifying" Basin Street East nightclub season in New York. At this point the number of celebrities who get a name check really begins

A visit to London and Monaco in the early Sixties follows, with mentions of the wardrobe and entourage plus celebrity passengers aboard the S.S. United States, bound for Europe. But it adds up to no more than a diary of events -unfortunately, though, minus spe-cific dates - of a first trip abroad, and there is no mention of the musical prowess (if any) of her

A bout of illness contracted in France, leading to pneumonia and pleurisy, requires months of recovery once she returns home. In her later years one cannot help being moved by her courage in coping with diabetes, being on a respirator, and having a serious heart con-

When told by doctors to retire, she replied: "Retire and wait for what?" Miss Lee's determination to continue performing, and writing, is openly stated at the end of the book. I just wish she had been able to show the same directness in expressing her real feelings about the rest of the extraordinary story.

ment of these cases of child abuse. But if the assembled crowds responded to the trials as if to plays in the theatre, crying "bravo!" at heightened moments in the cases, and if their chroniclers employed the same currency, it must be said that all court cases are inherently dramatic.

The theatre of the court is explicable in the Viennese aesthetic, but it is not peculiar to it Eleven years earlier, in this country, the Jack the Ripper crimes, although never brought to trial, received just the same dramatic treatment in the popular press, and Dickens both used and railed against the crude theatricality that murder cases aroused.

ness, together with a Sensationslust no less pronounced in our own age makes this book fascinating reading. And true to his premise, Wolff brings to his account of child abuse in fin-de-siècle Vienna a considerable body of information about the implosion in the liberal bourgeois culture, the rise of antisemitism and the disintegration of

the Habsburg empire. But although he marshalls this information fastidiously, the whole emerges as less than the sum of its parts. As Edith Wharton once remarked of her compatriot, Henry James, "he chews more than he can bite off".

Less Clarke 1s more

SCIENCE FICTION

Tom Hutchinson

TALES FROM PLANET EARTH By Arthur C. Clarke Century-Legend, £12.95

Time for a realization: our most distinguished veteran SF author is not just hard-core, but hard-sell. The concepts are poetry, but the accents are now those of a timeshare brochure, with a colloquial inevitability that amounts to cliché. So I welcome with rapture this new collection of brief pieces — in small doses, the banalities of expression do not obtrude.

There's a Lord Dunsany-like table-turning of events in such stories as "On Golden Seas", in which President Kennedy is a woman, and they're trying to extract precious metal from seawater. But the real delight is the novella, "The Road to the Sea", a lyrical account of the way civilization splits into two cultures, the one rural and at peace, the other Wellsian-scientific. It's a theme that has the ability to astonish totally. For, if Mr Clarke now writes like a back, what be's hacking out is sheer wonder. He mines awe.

● Tangents by Greg Bear (Gollancz, £12.95). That the short story is lustily alive and well and living in SF has been noted by me before. Here, one of the foremost epicmoulders scales down his narratives, but does not diminish impact. "Blood Music" is a stab in the dark created by his novel about an infection that orchestrates humanity into one anonymous whole — while "Dead Run" is a chilling SF-fantasy about the way people have corrupted even Hell. One to raise skyscraper backles.

• Azzziel, by Isaac Asimov (Doubleday, £10.95). The adventures of a tiny extra-terrestrial. summoned up by an ageing SF writer, remind us that professionalism need not mean lack of spontaneity. Short-comings that arrive splendidly.

● The Long Habit of Living, by Joe Haldeman (New English Library, £12.95). In a world where immortality can be bought on the instalment-plan, the "oldest" man discovers that a wipe-out of the processed-people is intended. Clear, compelling story-telling with some sly social sideswipes.

John Brosnan (Gollancz, £12.95). You've at last met a man whose sexual appetite is as voracious as your own" — and a writer who, in this sequel about Dorvin's airship battling oppressors, lays it on thick as clotted cream. Very tasty.

● Guards! Guards!, by Terry Pratchett (Gollancz, £12.95). Yet another Pratchett job from the oneman SF-comedy industry, this time an account of the search, by the Humprey Bogartian Sergeant Vimes, for whatever it is that's turning Discworld into a high-risk world where citizens are being converted into charcoal biscuits.

Front row seats for the theatre of violence

unremarked by Freud (a point that Wolff makes as a lament rather than accusation).

For in contemporary Vienna, Wolff demonstrates, the characters who occupied centre stage were not those whom history appoints as key figures of the age — Freud himself, Hofmannsthal, Schnitzier, Mahler - but people whom history soon glossed over, the scandalous battery which occupied the press and public opinion at the time. n November of 1899 two cases

profession. The seduction the reader is promised turns out to be of child battery came to trial. A month earlier, the sensation little more than a re-arrangement of had been the murder of her child and suicide of a young, For us, 90 years on, Vienna in 1899 is the year of the publication unmarried mother. But if Wolff is of Freud's Interpretation of keen to show that these instances of crude violence dominated "the Dreams, with its exposition of the Oedipus complex; but at the time, mind of fin-de-siècle Vienna", he is while Freud anxiously scanned the as keen not to set them up in newspapers for the expected out-raged reception of his views, they contained reports of family hostilcontradistinction to the prevailing culture of the liberal bourgeoisie. Rather he is at pains to point out, it ity of a far more concrete kind, was the cultural climate of the time that ensured the currency of these reports which, intriguingly, went

Nigella Lawson

POSTCARDS FROM THE END OF THE WORLD An Investigation into the Mind of Fin-de-Siècle Vienna By Larry Welff

The case of Hedwig Kepplinger, who killed her daughter then herself in October 1899, would never have captured the public imagination as it did. Wolff argues. if it weren't for the fact that in the collective memory of the Viennese lay the remembrance of the suicide and murder, 10 years earlier, of Crown Prince Rudolf, the Emperor Franz Joseph's only son, and his lover in the woods at Mayerling. There was already the precedent for

suicide and murder and its romanticization, and in the Kepplinger case the newspapers responded accordingly. Felix Dof-

lyric poet) who covered the case for the Neue Freie Presse, the mouthpiece and font of bourgeois liberal consciousness, draped his subject in artful fictionalization.

Art could provide no easy prototype for the next cases, in which parents stood accused of beating their children to death. But it was art that came to the rescue and precedented cases into the cultural consensus. The Gefühiskultur of fin-de-siècle Vienna, its elevation of emotional and psycho-sensual sensibilities, coloured accounts of these cases, with their heady mix of Sensationslust and sentimentality.

But Vienna, most of all, as Wolff presents it, was a city of the theatre. He quotes Broch's description of Vienna's "dominating theatre culture" in which "the entire texture of life (was) interwoven with that of the theatre". Wolff corroborates this with the example of Freud's citing Sophoclean drama to promulgate his revolutionary theories, and with the dramatic treat-

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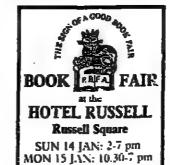
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feminist. But Charity has as little coherent identity in that role as in those of sociologist, mother of four or badly-treated lover.

Much of the dialogue rings false. In what is presumably an attempt to create the illusion of real speech, Oakley invests all her characters with the bad habit of dropping their personal pronouns.

So they make speeches like: "Never sleep much. Up and down all night. Have these blasted ideas in the middle of the night. Think they're good ones, but they turn out to be dreadful."

There is a seed of authenticity in this book about men's and women's sexual natures. Oakley understands better than most that women want sex and domesticity combined, while men want them separate. But the seed never stands a chance of sprouting in the tangled undergrowth and dead wood of her

a pattern of failures

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convictions. The comedy takes a little longer to surface in Francis King's The Woman Who Was God, but it hes unmistakably beneath Ruth St Just's madly quixotic attempt to uncover the "truth" - or crect an alternative fantasy - about

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and for the protective self-consciousness it induces in the English. The result is both funny

and sad. The resolution, perhaps in-evitably given the thriller format, is both rather mechanical and completely superfluous. The satisfaction, as always, is in King's ironic scene setting. Paul Bailey, by contrast, does very little set-dressing, relying instead on an uncanny ear for the small lies and deceits of ordinary language. Trespasses tries to put back together a life riven with griefs and losses, and Englishly unequipped to deal with emotion. Raiph Hicks, a "f...ing cold fish"

jelly, watches his leacher wife drift off to suicide and his family disintegrate with a passivity that echoes the mind "dead in trespasses" in the epigraph from George Eliot's Felix Holt. Ralph's failure, like Margaret's and Ruth's, is a failure of the special capacity of imagination not just to make meaningful patterns of people and places, but to see ourselves as a part of a pattern, fated but also responsible, bound but also free.

Oh come, all ye drab faithful

avid Hare's new play "was first performed at the Cottesloe Theatre on 1 February 1990". Such proleptic confidence seems to tempt providence, if not the Church of England God who hovers genteelly in the wings. This deity - frequently invoked but, like Godot, absent from the cast list - is the nominal motive for the actual cast of vicars, curates, and bishops who agonize over (yes!) the Role of the Church in Today's Inner Cities, and the question of preserving the faith in an age of faithlessness. The theme might as well have been set as a project in a theatre workshop; it's about the sociology of the modern urban church, rather than the religious impulse itself. Racing Demon's drab, well-researched naturalism will require an extraordinary production to disguise its lack of intellectual vigour.

At least HID, Howard Brenton's oblique meditation on the odd circumstances of Rudolf Hess's death in custody, is undeniably theatrical. A chamber piece in the round, or rather in the square, it employs video monitors to convey historically earlier scenes, which are then repeated by the same players live. Its greatest deficiency as a text is the overfamiliarity of the conflicting evidence. Such plays are a convention demanding unconventional resolutions.

The liveliest read of the quartet is Singer, Peter Flannery's alternative biography of Peter Rachman. The Auschwitz survivor who invented creative mortgaging is played on stage by Antony Sher, though the reader may prefer to imagine Harold Pinter in the role. When Singer throws a party to celebrate his belated British citizenship, an old Irishwoman bursts into the throng of hired nobs to berate her sometime landlord, who protests: "What? Evict an old lady? Me?" Mrs Daley: "My husband died of a

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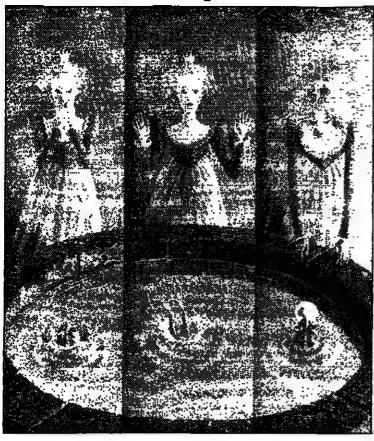
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broken heart because of you." Singer: "So you have no witnesses?" Jewish humour, like Irish, was born in purgatory. Heartlanders is a collaborative

work, written for the Birmingham Rep to celebrate that city's centenary. It's hard enough to create a "community play" for a place as small and coherent as Dorchesser (which David Edgar has done): the amorphous sprawl of Birmingham is a racial stew admitting of no single voice. Here we get more than 100. Re-jig the accents and you could be anywhere.



Dream kingdom: high sophistication in the illustration of a simple tale

The frog who would be king

Making picture books out of the more numinous folk tales is a touchy business. How to illustrate those enigmatic transitions, those implausible events? Literal representation cannot cope over the full length of a picture book; fantasy pictures usually kill the

Binette Schroeder and Naomi Lewis's Frog Prince shows that there is a way. Both illustrator and translator need to be named here, because, although the pictures were originally done for the German text from Grimm, Miss Lewis has re-shaped the telling so that it gains points for the English reader. None of the strange narrative has been sacrificed, but the story is allowed to grow naturally with the turning pages - not least at those awkward moments when verse takes over, as when the frog comes knocking at the castle door, or when the iron bands fall from Faithful Henry's

This admirable text shows how sensitive Naomi Lewis is to the needs of Binette Schroeder's illustrations. For from the cover FOR CHILDREN **Brian Alderson**

THE FROG PRINCE, OR IRON HENRY By Jacob & Wilhelm Grimm Translated by Nasani Lewin Hinstrated by Binette North-South Books, £7.50

inwards we are in Marchen-land pinnacled castles and walled terraces subsisting ethereally in a dream kingdom. At the same time, though, the mundane details of frogs and carriages and the amazing cinematic transformation of frog to prince as he is hurled against the wall, bring a conviction of reality. Binette Schroeder seems to have conceived this landscape and this train of pictures in a single vision, and despite the high sophistication of her art — subtly air-brushed back-cloths, near-surrealist staging - her pictures have the simple spontaneity of the tale itself.



Tally ho; typical salute to hunting and the West Country, by John Leech

f'osses and men

The West Country has done Dur-ham proud. The Surfees Society of Frome in Somerset has already issued in facsimile the first editions of the nine novels of the squire of Hamsterley. Added to each original is an introduction by an Eminent Venerian. This is the tenth volume; in it is an introduction by Lord Denham and a list of 1,000 prepublication subscribers. Analysis of the Hunting Field was first pub-lished in 1846, as a "slight souvenir of the exceptional hunting season of 1845-46. It is not that slight. It has 326 pages in 21 chapters, six "highly coloured plates", and 43 illustrations on wood. The last are clear, charming,

Surtees was well served by his illustrators; pre-eminently, when his collaboration was eventually secured by Leech. "Ah, my lord, nothen but a party as knows 'osses could have drawed them there 'unters," remarked a huntsman taken by his noble Master to an exhibition of Leech's work. He could not have expressed it better if Surtees had invented him. The plates in this volume are by one of the Henry Alkens whose delineations adorn a thousand walls in Leicestershire - and (page 166) Harry Pigskin's. Compared with Leech's, Alken's characters, both human and equine, are less individual, the background more prettily conventional. Nevertheless, his six plates are attractive and have a sense of excitement. They add much to the pleasure of the text.

The title is misleading; this is not an arid tabulation of runs, miles and kills, or of anything else. On the contrary, the chapters are devoted to a discursive and entertaining treatment of 13 hunting characters: the Master, the Huntsman and so on. The work therefore lacks even the semblance of a plot. Does it matter? Barely. "The plot is an inadequate excuse on which Surtees strings characters": Molly Keane's comment on Plain or Ringlets? could be justly applied to all the novels; and although Analysis precedes the great works, it contains what we most love in

There is his vitality: "the sheer undisguised enjoyment of everything that comes along" (Enoch **Jeffrey Abbott**

ANALYSIS OF THE **HUNTING FIELD**

By R. S. Surtees R. S. Suriees Society. Tacker's Cottage, Nunney. Frome, Somerset, £16.95

Powell). Aphorism: "Men talk of their thousands from whom it is easier to extract an eye tooth than a sovereign." Anecdote: the Crane who hunts the Iron Duke's hounds during the Peninsular War (warfare preclude 'unting? Never) one day follows them almost into the enemy camp; the huntsman with the cork leg who becomes so drunk that he cannot remember where he left his leg the night before. The phraseology: "Old 'ard, you 'airdresser on the chestnut 'oss." "Hairdresser, Sir? I am an officer in the 91st Regiment." "Then, you hossifer in the 91st Regiment wot looks like a 'air-dresser, 'old 'ard." Feasting: the heroic ingestion of Surfees's men puts to shame our feeble capacities — "the prime home-fed beef, the dark-gravyed mutton, the clean-fed pork, the plump white chicken, the beautiful ham, the mealy potato, the scarlet beet ... " The ability to hit a character with a name and a phrase or two: Sir Rasper Smashgate, who rides 14 stone with the nerve of a Roman gladiator". (Fear not, gentle reader, Henrietta nails him: "He said as he changed from his hack to his hunter, "By Jove, why shouldn't I marry her?").

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With Jorrocks and his deathless

Pigg, Binjimin and Artaxerxes. (Rudyard Kipling; entering into the spirit of things.)

Deathless indeed, and rich is Surtees's world, always fresh: "That opaque distance becomes transparently clear. An England forever." This mightily handsome book has its place in that world. So tally-bo, Surtermites all! For ard away on our tenth run. West Country, we

Educating Rita and the rest

vies? Daphne fiercely partisan biography, finds it shameful that Emily is not more famous. Her achievements were overshadowed by the noisier and more news-worthy activities of the militant suffragettes of the next generation, whose methods appalled the respectable Emily Davies — though she campaigned, discreetly, for the franchise, and cast her first and last vote (Tory) in 1918. She died in 1921. Although "no feminist in the debased modern sense of the word", writes Daphne Bennett (begging a question or two), she was nevertheless, in her fight for women's education, "the greatest femi-

in her enthusiasm for establishing Emily in the pantheon, her biographer overstates the extent to which she is forgotten. The name of Emily Davies appears in all rep-utable histories of the women's movement; she is necessarily a key figure in any account of women's education; and there are good essays on her, notably Margaret Forster's in Significant Sisterhood (1984). If more detail was not available until now about the life of the woman who founded Girton in 1869, it may be because her private life was meventful, and because arduous years of lobbying, fund-raising, public speaking, planning and committee work tend — unfairly - to be unexciting in

Emily was born in 1830, the daughter of a hypochondriacal clergyman, who wrote a book entitled Splendid Sins about the dreadful fate awaiting the rich in the world to come. Emily seemed doomed to the dim life of a daughter at home. She was described by a friend as "small and plain, her manner conventional. face unrevealing between smooth bands of mouse-coloured

The friend was Elizabeth Garrett. Emily Davies was hicky enough to meet, by chance, a group of women who were not afraid to voice the revolutionary thoughts that she had kept to herself. Emily cut her teeth in public life by supporting Eliza-beth Garrett in her struggle to become the first woman to qualify as a doctor in England. Emily Davies soon found her own voice. It was clear and caustic. Not everyone liked it, even when they agreed with her views. The movement for the higher education of women took root in the 1860s. The idea was greeted in most circles with mindless hilarity or pious, pompous distaste. Much of the cant

oth Vaclav Havel and

Ivan Klima were born in a

democratic Czecho-

slovakia in the 1930s, but

for each of them the Second World

War was the first conscious experi-

ence of the way the world outside the immediate family and neigh-bours could impinge on their childhood. Communism has been

the central experience of their lives.

Both became writers and were

banned in Czechoslovakia after

1968; Havel because he wrote

about politics and the absurdity of

the regime, and Klima because he

wrote unpolitical stories about life

indifferent to the regime. Both were stigmatized because of their back-

ground: Havel was bourgeois,

When the "velvet revolution"

was hardly under way in November, someone at Faber took the commendably swift decision to

rush out a collection of Havel's

dissident writings for a broad,

English-speaking audience. Already

the blurb on the back of this volume is out of date: the "un-

crowned King of Prague" has been inaugurated president of the Republic. Just as his fellow Czech

and Slovak dissidents have been

hurried from police surveillance,

house arrest or prison into min-

isterial office, like characters in a melodrama, Havel was (as ever) "unanimously" elected head of state by the minions of his previous

Havel was too polite and intent

on getting beyond the past to show

his amusement as the Prime Min-

ister, Marian Calfa, culogized his

principled behaviour under his

predecessor, Gustav Husak, in

terms completely inapplicable to himself and the rest of the electoral

college. The graffiti on the Central Committee building in Prague

made the apt comment: "Same

No doubt, everyone in Czecho-slovakia is a "dissident" today, but

puppets, new show."

Clima was Jewish,

Victoria

Glendinning on an unswervingly loyal biography of **Emily Davies**,

founder of Girton, who could have done with such

vigorous support in her lifetime

EMILY DAVIES AND THE LIBERATION OF WOMEN By Daphne Bennett André Deutsch, £15.95

was very like that used today to oppose the ordination of women, and had its roots in masculine fear. Emily's first college was a discreet distance away from Cambridge, in Hitchin. Public opinion, and most Cambridge dons, were so vociferously against her that for a terrible moment it seemed there would be no students. In the event, she opened with five hopeful young women. One thing she stood out for was that her girls must take the same examinations as the undergraduates; to accept separate examinations, and lower standards, would ruin the whole scheme. She was jealous and scornful of mild Miss Clough, who first established Newnham as a hostel for the popular "ladies' lectures", and who lured away some of Emily's own supporters among the dons by her

geographically as ell as academically, Emily raised money to buy a windswept site at Girton, three miles outside. Her architect was Alfred Waterhouse; and she was adamant that every student should have her own bedroom and sitting-room. This was an extravagant use of space, but she stuck to her guns. In 1873, they moved in; the house was unfinished, freezing cold, ill-equipped. The food was frightful, the future gardens a wasteland.
Oxford, London, and the provin-

cial colleges were all quicker to give

full university membership to women than was Cambridge. It's impossible to say whether women would have taken more or less time to become accepted there without Emily's high-profile campaigning. It could hardly have taken longer. For years, the women students sat for the Tripos as a concession, not as of right. The last fight was for them to be given degrees. From 1882 women students were issued with certificates, stating the class they had obtained in the Tripos. As Emily always feared, a lesser privilege only blocked the way to a greater one. Incredibly, it was 1947 before Cambridge gave degrees to

mily was creating something tremendous at Girton, but there is an inevitable subtext of pettiness and strife passions, tiffs, and misunderstandings between Emily and her inexperienced staff, between Emily and her advisers and supporters, between Emily and the opposition. Few modern biographers have been so unquestion-ingly loyal to every action and motive of her subject as is Daphne Bennett. Emily was a woman of iron will and determination, but she was not easy to work with, and she was not always right. No one is. But Daphne Bennett is on her side, without reservation. Emily could have done with such a champion in

She had one, but she lost him. Emily's very first success had been to get girls admitted to the Local Examinations (the precursor of the school certificate). The secretary to the London board was a charming and clever man called Henry Tomkinson, who was also managing director of Sun Insurance. He became Emily's chief ally and supporter in the Girton enterprise. She consulted him on everything, and his practical experience of administration was invaluable. Daphne Bennett, scouring Emily's papers, has found in her relations with Tomkinson the only evidence i a romance in der ine.

It was an abortive romance, and the evidence is negative. The friendship, which became ever closer, suddenly ceased in 1875 or at least, after that date there is no surviving correspondence or documented contact. Bennett thinks that Tomkinson proposed marriage, and was turned down. A more painful interpretation, which she does not consider, is that it was the other way round. Emily was 45, and had just retired from being Mistress of Girton. Maybe it was she who suggested marriage to her old friend, and maybe he declined. No one will ever know.



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PAPERBACKS

truths will Mark Almond



VACLAV HAVEL LIVING IN TRUTH Edited by Jan Valdislav Faber, £4.99 MY FIRST LOVE By Ivan Klima Translated by Ewald Osers

Penguin, £4.99

(and the 16 accompanying "texts for Havel" by other dissidents and how few "lived in truth", as both Havel and Klima did in their different ways. Before the celebraforeign admirers). Alongside the tion of the popular rejection of theme of unwavering personal Communism eclipses the reality of integrity as the peaceful weapon of the past, it is worth making a the nonconformist opponent of careful reading of Havel's essays totalitarianism there is a second,

less uplifting theme: the corrosion of morality and personal identity through living under a regime where no one, from the general secretary downwards, believes the brilliant future will ever dawn, and where everyone has a fiddle for which they will betray everyone else. Corruption. dishonesty, timeserving and conformity form the backdrop to Havel's own honesty and truthfulness. Did the social vices fostered by Communism disappear overnight two months

Communism did not just corrupt those living under it. Havel's essays come from the later 1970s and early 1980s, the golden age of the "peace movement". A nonconformist by nature, Havel's comments on the West will not please rigid conservatives, but it is difficult to suppress one's own fury — even though he himself writes with patience - when one reads about the western progressives who ex-plained to Czech dissidents that the Gulag Archipelago was "a tax paid for the ideals of socialism" — like all the best taxes, needless to say, paid by others. Once glasnost set in in the Soviet Union and it was no longer easy to live the lie that Brezhnev was preferable to Reagan, and therefore that Havel and friends should devote their energies to defending civil liberties in Thatcher's Britain rather than Jakes's Prague, the peace move-ment left the dissidents to get on with their struggle unhindered. Now, as they have succeeded, their western "friends" will no doubt rush forward to persuade them to restore the old order.

Klima's novels and the poignant short stories issued by Penguin are a marvellous antidote to most political literature in modern Britain, as well as a model of how to demolish a regime with a flick of the pen but without mud-slinging, indeed with scarcely a hint of its existence. Instead of a state-subsidized litany of hate against Thatcher's Britain, Klima writes about the eternally interesting themes of love, briefly requited, disappointed, and both Klima conveys the tragedy of the banal.

n this tale of love among the sociologists there lurks a more serious sin than lust, adultery or greed. It is the murder of the English language: "He flicked the inner surfaces of her thighs lightly with the legato touch of a pianist removing a Chopin nocturne from the old ivory keys..." The awesome combination of inept imagery and cliché in this sentence is not especially inspired, but typical. Later "her throat felt tight, her heart flapped away like an asth-

matic bird . . . At moments I wondered if the whole book was a joke. Startlingly infelicitous images and turns of phrase appear, not singly but in battalions, on every page. "The little girl munched and sang simultaneously ... Mark admired the way her hips moved down the garden . . . her breasts, which trem-bled with the lungs of the ocean and

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sky". But it is no joke. As is usually the case, imprecision thought is at the root of the badness of the

THE MENTROOM By Am writing.
"She'd been married to him for 12 years and lying beside him most of that time," Ann Oakley informs us of her heroine, Charity, on page one. It comes as no surprise to learn later that she had had no

time to do more than "note" the Islands in a Briani Maria

he most obvious legacy of the late Mary McCarthy's "Catholic girlhood" in a fundamentally Puritan country was her lasting struggle with the problem of free will. By the time she was 30, in 1942, and publishing her first novel, The Company She Keeps, she was learning with her fellow American intellectuals to give the question a Freudian or a Marxist cast.

McCarthy, though, was more interested in satire than in therapy or revolution. She believed that the root of all comedy was an inability to learn either "from experience or instruction", a basic, wrong-headed stubbornness, lovably "incorri-gible". Her characters in the first novel, as in The Group later, do not seem to manage to grow up other than ritually or routinely, or to acquire the "rounded" outline of

fictional maturity.
It is easy to mistake The Company She Keeps for a collection of discontinuous stories, and to miss its underlying structure. Margaret Sargent, its heroine, is not even identified by name in the delib-

erately ironic opening episode. which her (first) adultery and divorce as if they were steps in a familiar dance. She drifts from there into meaningless employment in Rogue's Gal-

lery" with the roguish gallery owner Mr Sheer. a man who makes a virtual art form of incorrigibility,

By Pan but who is, for all that, touched with a certain dignity. Further casual encounters ensue. The Man in the Brooks Brothers

Shirt", an account of a seduction on a transcontinental Puliman. sparked a degree of scandal when it first appeared in Partison series. Margarets partially chastened reckoning in "Ghostiy Father, I Confess" is equally without Benefit of clergy, or even faith, but there is

courage in even the shakiest

THE ARTS

Alby James, Britain's foremost black theatre director, is set to revitalize the Roundhouse. Jim Hiley reports on his plans

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Fun for

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Watching Campion, which re-turned to BBC I last night at the start of a second series, is like observing some arcane English ritual such as swan-upping or Morris-dancing, in which the participants always appear to be having much more fan than the

The rules of this particular engagement seem to be consemble large numbers of experienced character actors against expensive period country-house backdrops which they reach in intage motor cars. Once in place, the character actors give performances of clenched adequacy while pretending to care about the outcome of some incomprehensible murder plot involving cads, bounders and foreigners - usually in reverse order of criminality.

Never mind the writing, feel the period charm. Serials like this should not be churned out by the BBC drama department just to fill lethargic Friday schedules; they should be rented out to Japanese tourists in search of olde England. The men talk as if they have had brian pipes surgically attached to their front teeth, while their womenfolk walk as if they still have horses between their thighs.

Characters hear such names as Harriet Huntingforest without apparent surprise. Others wear starched collars and suggest that the dialogue has also been written on them by quill pen, while the storyline is a ritual mix of snobbery with violence, involving on this occasion the precise owner-ship of a mythical Dalmatian state which seems possessed of oil, whereas I had imagined it exporting only dogs.

Hovering discreetly on the dan-perous borderlines of self-parody, Jill Hyem's opening episode was steeped in a combination of arch whimsy and Lord Peter Wimsey, retrieved only by Brian Glover's wonderfully jaundiced performance as Campion's dour assistant, Lugg. He is a man who patently wishes to move on not just to another mystery but to another series, preferably one in which the action is a little more brisk.

Here it seemed not so much slow as stopped, and only a superlatively cherubic appearance by Richard Pearson, and an introducmry scene with Inia Cathbertson's master villain, suggested that part two next week might conceivably

Over on BBC 2, the comedy series Colin's Sundvict also came back last night for a second eason. Like all other comedy shows on television, it seems, this stars Mel Smith, but appearing here as a door British Rail employee with a passion for writing fiction.

Given to Walter Mittyish daydreams of best-sellerdom, and already choosing his records for Desert Island Discs, Smith plays him with a lugubrious charm, and the writers (Paul Smith and Terry Kyan) have found a nice line in rive interior monologues for him to voice-over. Plots and supporting characters, however, are not their strongest suit.

RADIO Martin Cropper

There seems little point in tuning into a comedy show with the rib-nudging title of The Mary Whitehouse Experience (Radio 1) unless one can count on being at least mildly provoked at least

This third series has been frenetically puffed as the ne plus ultra of bad taste, the show that would turn your average vicar green, and so on. Recorded in the presence of a sycophantic and "live" audience, it goes out fairly late on Saturday evenings and is repeated on Fridays, cut in the light of listeners' complaints.

The material that never makes the airwaves may well, for all I know, live up to its billing the stuff that gets broadcast is, to borrow Bill Bryson's judicious simile, as thick as pig dribble — a farrago of brain-dead prattle. The opening programme artiessly insulted the likes of Linda McCartney and Leon Brittan, and purported to involve Ian Paisley and Jimmy Savile in a kind of sexual lottery; there were contraceptive jokes and cocaine jokes; there were lists of useless Christmas presents (daring!) and queasy injections of "social comment" à

la Ben Elton. This last element gives the game away: the show's feebleness has less to do with Auntie's blue pencil than with the irremediable derivativeness of the performers' tastes and hence ambitions. Marinaded in a decade's worth of "alternative" comedy - which has now, pace the limitations of obscenity, become mainstream - they are blinkered to the possibilities of disappointing their audience by doing something intelligent, which would at least be something different. One was forcibly reminded of sitting granite-faced over the unlamented television show O.T.T. and taking bets on exactly when the Tupperware was

going to be produced. After this, the funereal whimsy of King Cutler (Radio 3, Thursday) in which Ivor Cutler and Phyllis King stretch minimalism beyond its breaking point, is

lack and Asian companies proved a conspicuous growth area in the theatre of the 1980s. But none expanded more aggressively than Temba, under the pragmatic direction of 35-year-old Alby James, who combines intuitive showmanship with the acumen of

a trained economist. He has stretched the remit of minority theatre, sometimes provocatively, and given it the business zeal of the late-century entrepreneur. His methods place him in the vanguard of this country's theatrical management, a flamboyant example to others, whether black or

busiest touring outfits, cultivating a loval audience and winning a clutch of awards. But when Alby lames took over in 1984, the company was threatened with closure by the Arts Council, Since then, both its output and its grant have doubled. The Arts Council's Secretary General, Luke Rittner, now commends Temba as "a beacon" among ethnic companies.

He has made Temba one of the

Next month. Temba mounts Felix Cross's ambitious Caribbean musical Glory!, whose script won first prize in the 1988 LWT Plays on Stage awards. Another lengthy tour follows in April, when Woza Albert! will be revived for the fourth time. James's production represented this country at the first festival of the European Theatre Convention, where (as Diane Hill reported in these pages on December 14) it was given a 10-minute standing ovation.

This year offers a further challenge. Alby James has taken charge of the projected arts centre at the Roundhouse in Chalk Farm, north London, and hopes to turn a multi-cultural dream of the GLC era into an enterprise that will flourish in the Nineties.

The secret of James's success as an artist lies in a style of joyous assertion. He shuns the charting of social and historical ills often

associated with black drama "I believe in colourful, engaging theatre. Black people don't want to see their oppression represented on stage." In conversation, too, James confounds the stereotype of the angry young black. He is a tubby, slightly paternal figure, who speaks with a quiet eagerness

and occasional self-deprecation. Alby James was brought up in north London, the son of Jamaican immigrants who encouraged scholarship and discouraged the use of patois. He says that he felt welcomed by the "host community", which has left him at case with the white establishment - he is a member of the BBC's General Advisory Council — and with a fierce commitment to selfimprovement among his fellow blacks. "I am an Englishman, with access to people in positions of power. I try to use that as responsibly as possible."

His robust social conscience led him to read development studies at the University of East Anglia. He specialized in economics and planning, and worked as an economist after graduation. But he had already fallen in love with drama and developed a touching faith in its capacities. He quit his well-paid job after four months, and began knocking on theatre manage-

"I decided I couldn't help my people best by becoming an international economist. Fundamental change will only happen if the ignorance of politicians and their cohorts can be changed. Theatre is a wonderful medium for persuading people to re-think."

After 15 months at the Royal Court and an interlude of "freelancing", he joined the Royal Shakespeare Company. "I wanted to work in a company that would reach decision makers in a big way. And I wanted to do

During the RSC's first year at the Barbican, he worked as assistant director to Trevor Nunn. He found Nunn an accessible and



Alby James: using intuitive showmanship to set the Roundhouse humming. "Theatre is a wonderful medium for persuading people to re-think"

democratic colleague, far from the remote figure of legend. "I would challenge Trevor and he would listen. I always saw my hand in his

During Num's absence for the Broadway production of Cats, James found himself leading rehearsals of Henry IV, when the Ghana-born actor Hugh Quarshie took over as Hotspur from Timothy Dalton. The experience helped both to advance James's career and transform it.

"Hugh and I had been to university. I realized that without such a background it would have been difficult for us as blacks to get into the RSC. I decided that black actors needed experience in textual investigation. I wanted to run a company with similar values to the RSC and the Royal Court."

The chance to fulfil these aspirations came when the Arts Council proposed to withdraw subsidy from Temba in the Glory of the Garden policy review. James was reluctant to usurp the founding director, Alton Kumalo. But during hectic negotiations, he formed the impression that, unless he agreed to take over, the group was certainly doomed. Of 15 companies threatened, Temba was among only six that survived.

One of his first moves was to put up the group's performance fees. He took the contentious step of recruiting a white administrator, and wrote a 10-year "development strategy", at a time when business plans had yet to become de rigueur in the arts.

e expanded Temba's Africa-orientated programme with material from the United States and the Caribbean including a Jamaican pantomime. He set up co-productions with theatres in Leicester and Birmingham, and fostered street credibility by touring drop-in and probation centres. In 1985, he staged Mamma Decemba, which became a joint winner of the Samuel Beckett Award. Nigel D. Moffatt's immigrant elegy will be revived this year, alongside a new play by Benjamin Zephaniah.

"I have tried to replace antiracist protest with a drama of

celebration. There's a hunger for the rebuilding of dignity and selfworth. I aim for us to become the British theatre equivalent of the Dance Theatre of Harlem; that is, a classical company which embraces European tradition as well as the historical cultures of the people on stage." His ambitions were considerably advanced in 1988, when he won acclaim for his mixed-race production of Romeo and Juliet, set in Cuba under Spanish colonial rule,

But perhaps his most significant work has been in fostering selfeducation among young black dramatists. He admits readily that many who submit scripts to Temba have only ever seen plays on TV. He aims to show them the "possibilities of theatre", partly by assigning them other people's scripts to read. These are then analysed at monthly meetings, modelled on the Royal Court's think-tank sessions. Members of the team visit concerts, dance and visual arts events — always in pairs, so that discussion follows.

The task of running Temba pales beside his new role at the

Roundhouse, where a compendious scheme for the encouragement of black artists has long been planned. According to Alby James, though, there is too little attention to practicalities. He has surrounded himself with consultants, whose plans include the use of private investment to build offices and an underground car park on adjacent land. His Development Trust aims to fund an additional theatre of 300 seats, which he says will be more amenable than the cavernous Roundhouse to some of the work

the venture is intended to serve. Once more, his ecumenicism has caused controversy. He wants the Roundhouse to offer a showcase for international visitors, though he insists that the majority of productions will be Afro-Caribbean or Asian. To some, his proposals compromise the project's ideals. But he argues: We need to solve the management problems so the artists can do the work."

If anyone can set the Roundhouse humming, it seems likely to be Alby James.

Jeremy Kingston

The Pelican Gate Theatre

Of the four chamber plays Strindberg wrote quickly in 1907 this was the one he chose to open his long-planned Intimate Theatre, thereby nearly wrecking the brave enterprise at birth. It is hard to see what style of direction could possibly hold together its lumpy mixture of melodrama and accidental comedy. Mark Brickman and Janine Wunsche, the codirectors, plump for a naturalistic approach that ascends steeply into a sort of heightened realism when the dialogue points that way, but then leaves the actors marooned on high when the writing collapses beneath them.

The ironic title refers to the legend that this bird feeds its young with its own blood. The play's unnatural Mother has destroyed her children's health by starving them of proper food and keeping the fires unlit; she drinks their cream in her coffee while feeding them on burnt grouse and porridge. Considered rationally, which naturalism invites, it is hard to see how this state of affairs has continued for so long her son is old enough to be a law student. her daughter is just married and

their father only recently dead.

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But Strindberg wants her to be a witch-mother, identifying the impulse with his usual bizzarre directness in one of the loopier lines allotted to the son: "You know why I'm so wretched? I was never breast-fed."

Mother lusts after her venal sonin-law; letters from the grave reveal terrible truths; the son sets the house on fire and he and his sister perish happily in the flames, smelling at last the sweet savour of the burning pantry.

with this except play it as tempestuous melodrama or set it to music. The closing scene, where brother expires in his sister's arms, is already halfway to opera, and is played by Ian Jeffs and Emma Hewitt with a languorous sweet-ness that, against all odds, holds absurdity at bay.

From the start the lean and hungry-looking Jeffs establishes a feverish note that makes his playing the most convincing. Madeline Blakeney's Mother, severely let down by the author's refusal to motivate her, takes the sleep-walking image far too seri-ously, so that beating her arms against the wall she resembles a pelican in very slow motion.

As so often in this theatre the set

design (Helena Brown) is first rate, with a fine tiled stove in the corner and so many bunches of peacock feathers that it is no wonder disaster struck the family down.

tial if shillfully written pieces each as Peter Racine Fricker's Sere-nade, Op 79, and Jean Abail's Quartet, Op 132, with maximum

Their greatest potential lies in

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

Krapp's Last Tape/ Catastrophe **Riverside Studios**

This is as much an occasion for celebration as for mourning, a theatrical wake that may leave you wanting to hang out flags, bang off readily associated with the late Samuel Beckett.

It is not merely that Antoni Libera's formidably performed pairing of a relatively early play with a late one proves that, while the playwright's body may be mouldering in a grave, his soul goes marching on. We already knew he was built to last.

No, it is that Catastrophe was Beckett's inimitably terse and eloquent contribution to an "evening of solidarity" with Vaclav Havel back in 1982. Its performance then helped the Czech amidst the dirt and baseness' Now the play comes across as prescient testimony to his defi-ance, his resilience — and to a painfully won triumph which seemed impossible only two months ago.

memory of seeing a shaft of light filtered through stained place.

The same repertoire proble

also hampered the excellent Icelandic trombonist Signedu

Thorberggeon. Apart from Frank Martin's modest Ballade (1948)

what worksday Sonata (1986),

where he was partnered efficiently by the pinnist Clare Toomer, he

gave two anaccompanied pieces, both of which turned out to be

tediously ritualistic. We expected

that from Stockhansen's In Freundschaft, which had been given in its incurnation for obse

the night before. It was disappoint-ing, however, that as talented a

and Nicholas Sackman's son

Points lost on score

Built to last the human race



In command: Tom Knight and Christine Paul preparing David Warrilow for exhibition is Catastrophe

scarred, boney Krapp spooling through his old memories, his voice rising from a throaty pure to a contemptuous yelp as he scans the hopes and dreams recorded on his tapes. It is a fine, careful performance of one of Beckett's more elegant arguments for sto-

Sawer could come up with only Mate, in which the trombonist

whom should be listened to as a sulent". The best effect was at the

beginning, when two loud notes (the whole piece is couched in

irritatingly short-phrased ges-tures) were played backstage and the curtain was swept aside for Thorberggson to make his entry

ares to choose from, it was good

in the early evening recital to hear David Andrew Jones's tenacious

but subtle approach to Tippett's

enormous, conspicuously linear Third Sonata and his positively

heroic conquering of another Rex-

burgh work, the vastly testing Six

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two characters, "one of should be listened to as if

icism. But though longer, it seems a curtain-raiser for Catastrophe. This time Warrilow, in greybrown fatigues, spends the evening shivering on a box, while he is prepared for exhibition by the unlovely duo played by Tom Knight and Christina Paul: he a

sneering apparatchik swathed in furs, she his white-coated lab assistant. They lower his head and talk of whitening it. They lift his clasped hands to the rough region of his heart. Then they bare his chest and legs, completing their capsule portrait of guilt, atonement and supplication. Beckett tells us nothing about

place, time or circumstances. Indeed, the metaphor he has concocted could presumably apply to any situation where some studiously oppress and others silently suffer. But since Knight talks of hurrying to a "caucus" - and Catastrophe is dedicated to Havel - the political significance is not just unmissable but important to an extent it is in no other Beckett play. What is more, he has never written about that or anything else more hopefully.

Libera's production misses part of this. Where the stage directions demand that the apparatchik becomes "distraught" in his search for a perfect human sculpture. Knight is no more than nasty. An opportunity to suggest the basic insecurity of the police state goes begging. But it is the ending that is crucial: and there Libera and Warrilow movingly make their

What most matters to these bullies is that their prisoner's face is hidden. He must remain bowed and broken, after the Chinese

But the applause of the party faithful falters as, at the climax of their show, Warrilow unstoppably raises his head, his lips nervously twitching but his eyes fixed firmly

With Beckett, relatively little can, of course, count for very much. It is a moment that gives theatrical punch to what recent history, and Havel in particular, has been telling us. You can trap, harass, torment the body; but there is something inside you cannot finally suppress.

their greatest potential are in their need to generate new music; indeed, they gave two first performances here. One — Daniel Chan's Four Bagatelles — was a disappointingly facile sequence, but the other was aurally and conceptrally spellbinding work: Heliochrome, by one of the week's featured components. Edwin Research tempted to ask why the excellent individuals of the Thurston Quarfeatured composers, Edwin Roxburgh. Here was a piece which explored some of the some tet should have chosen to form their group. Yet undeniably they play well together, and here they were right to garnish inconsequenolidities of the combin its attempt to rekindle a childhood

> **OPERA David Fallows**

Don Pasquale Grand Theatre, Leeds

At first it looked as though we were in the Fifties. Don Pasquale was a successful businessman with an angle-poise lamp, a cocktail cabinet on what used to be called "contemporary legs", and a safe-looking secretary. Only in the next scene did Joe Vañek's designs gently show that he had set it nearer 1980, with spray-can messages on the wall and a news stall selling tourist tat. The point was obviously to show Pasquale's oldshioned nature and conservative habits without undue emphasis.

Of course, every detail of Donizetti's last comic opera is over the top. And the beauty of Patrick Mason's new production for Opera North is that while it is colourful and full of well-conceived zany detail it is fun-damentally restrained. The

Restrained and free

very well, not least because the story itself hardly progresses beyoud the standard details of commedia dell'arte characterization. So Mason's main effort goes into telling the tale clearly.

In this he is considerably helped by a cast whose projection of the only slightly embarrassing English translation is immaculate throughout. You could wonder whether Andrew Shore has entirely the right kind of voice for the buffo bass of the title role: his brightish bass-baritone quality somewhat reduces the range of vocal colours that you need in an opera that relies on four singers. But Shore compensated by precise singing and neatly-timed acting. Robert Hayward's initially slightly hard-grained high baritone produced some fine flowing lines and a suitable mercurial wit that served very well for the dirty tricks

organized by Dr Malatesta.

Sadly, Adrian Martin more or

transference to our own day works less lost his voice fairly early in the opera. Before that, he had shown a wonderfully lucid control of the Donizettian tenor style. Two magnificently handled cavatinas and some gloriously heroic tones at the end of his first big scene showed that on another occasion his performance could well be

> among the high points. But here the real success undoubtedly belonged to Juliet Booth, in a role originally written for the redoubtable Grisi. After a nervous first scene she relaxed into a performance that presented the terrifying roulades with an effortless purity that seemed to get better as the opera progressed. If her reading at the moment places a little too much emphasis on her charm, it will certainly mature.

In the pit David Lloyd-Jones coaxed some spirited and senstrive playing from the Opera North Orchestra and well-balanced singing from a delightfully

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GARDENING

Hosts of uninvited guests

A well-kept garden attracts a variety of visiting plants, which can be a delight or a disaster, Francesca Greenoak writes

ardens are inexhaustibly resourceful places. Gardeners enjoy not only the plants which they have chosen to grow but also, for better or worse, all the others which find their way into a hospitable, nicely-cultivated soil. There are, of course, the opportunist weeds, such as speedwells, dandelions, thistles, enchanter's nightshade and chickweed, finetuned to local soil conditions. There are also seeds or planulets which hitchhike in with container plants brought from nurseries, and interesting hybrids which occur when two plants of the same genus grow in proximity.

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There is also a fertile trade in bird and wind-sown plants, which can turn out to be a delight or a disaster. One of my hedges, planted as pure hawthorn about 85 years ago, is now endowed with field maple, ash, beech, hazel, holly, field rose and ivy. These species and others also turn up in less suitable places; I couldn't entertain the crop of oaks in the vegetable beds, though I kept some useful and interesting selfsown gooseberries and black-Young cherries, hawthorns and even a seedling yew have turned up in the flowerbeds, while a bird-sown elder grew large enough

WEEKEND TIPS

 Begin to take cuttings from late-flowering chrysanthemums
 Get garden machinery (such as bedge-trimmers and mowers) cleaned and serviced if you have not already done so.

• Sow summer cabbage and cauliflower in pots under glass (13°C/55°F) for planting out in

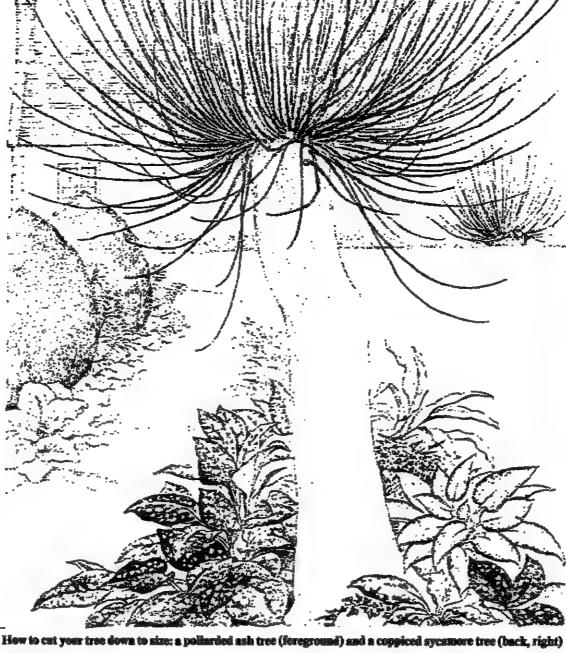
· Keep compost in bulb pass moist but not soggy.

Do not overwater cyclamen for a glis-glis (the edible dormouse) to make a cosy hiberation hole among its roots.

Ash seedlings, deriving from a large tree several hundred yards away on a neighbour's boundary, appear everywhere - usually in the most awkward places. Ash produces bunches of hanging straight-winged seeds, which have such ready germination that in many English counties the young plants are called weeds. The tree itself is beautiful. with its open, spreading branching system and elegant leaflets. It casts less shade than other substantial trees, but let it grow to maturity only if your garden is very sizeable, for it will make about 65ft/20m with a spread of 24ft/7m in 20 years or so, and may put on another 10ft/3m each way when fully mature. Almost every gardener knows the

hedge-hopping tendencies of sycamore, which owes its success to the whirling acrobatic keys containing seeds that germinate so rapidly in disturbed ground. There is much outrage felt against these eager colonisers, which obscures the fact that a mature sycamore is a very fine tree. I once had a London garden with a great sycamore on the boundary, which created privacy for four large Edwardian houses. Like the ash, sycamore is really a forest tree, and you require a large garden (a luxury rarely afforded to modern town houses) if the owners - and neighbours - are to be able to regard

it with pleasure rather than dismay. Many of us, alas, find our trees rapidly outgrow what we regard as a comfortable size within a limited garden area. Both ash and sycamore can have branches removed, shortened or have their tops reduced in height without damaging the health of the tree. If you decide to undertake major pruning, it is probably safer to get a reputable contractor or a firm of tree surgeons to carry out the work. The dangers



of an inexperienced person using a chainsaw on the ground are mul-tiplied when the user is several feet in the air working from a ladder or harness. Years of experience have not made me completely at home with this undoubtedly useful, but terrifying machine.

bether or not you do it yourself, it is im-portant to think hard beforehand about the desired effect. Making sketches of the planned reductions may help define your ideas. Obvious though it may seem, you should keep in mind that branches cannot be put back. The cut stumps should rejuvenate (though this is not always true of sycamore branches more than four years old),

but the natural shape of the tree will be lost for ever. You should also remember that the tree branches out to fill the space that it previously occupied.

One of the easiest and most successful ways of enjoying large trees within a small garden is to adopt the woodland practice of coppicing. This involves cutting down the tree at ground level. In the next year the flat stump will sprout several new stems and a multistemmed tree will grow up from this "coppice stool". The tree may also be cut at head height - known as pollarding. Both are ways of maintaining ancient woods for a supply of poles and fuel. Either practice leaves space for large timber trees to grow, and the shelter of the coppice woodland, flooded

with light every six to 10 years, is the best habitat for wild flowers.

In gardens, coppicing keeps the ground open and unshaded for cultivation, while providing shelter and the pleasure of growing trees. It works especially well with ash, making a small, graceful, many-stemmed tree of a potential giant. Hazel, hornbeam and field maple also look well when treated in this fashion. When the coppice tree grows too large you simply repeat the process, cutting all the trunks down to ground level. These cut stems make useful poles for beans or other climbing plants, or they can be stored for a short while to make firewood. Most British deciduous forest trees can be coppied or pollarded in this way, though not all look decorative.

WEEKEND WALK

7 ben a friend told me that he enjoyed country walking in principle but not in practice, this is the route which I recommended to him. His problem appeared to be that he had an unhappy relationship with hills; the only thing he enjoyed even less than going up a steep one was coming down the other side. Ascents, he said. played hell with his calf muscles — if, indeed, he had any - while descents were murder on the thighs. So here is a pine-miler, than which

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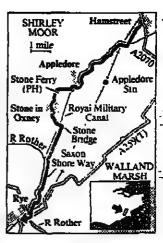
strolls seldom come flatter. It is part of the so-called Saxon Shore Way, which comes from the south of Sussex and crosses Ronney Marsh by way of the Royal Military Canal before coasting round Kent up to the Thames estuary. We start at the village of Ham Street, which is six miles south of Ashford on the A2070. Our destination is two stops down the railway line to Hastings, so this is a good proposition for both the motor-ist and the train traveller.

Opposite the T-junction 200 yards to the south of the village crossroads, the way strikes off to the right across the fields to join the south bank of the long disused canal, built as part of the defence system against the threat of Napoleonic invasion. This is perfect terrain for a short, grey winter's day, with the marshes stretching away towards the headland of Dungeness in the

From Appledore there is a short but worthwhile departure from the waterside when the path cuts due west, and then south at the Stone Ferry pub, towards Stone, the village on top of the Isle of Oxney, which, until the great drainages, was precisely what it sounds. So flat is the surrounding landscape that this modest elevation takes on the character of a sizeable

The path rejoins the canal at Stone Bridge after a mile, and marches resolutely south-wards next to the water for a mile and a half. We pass one of the various disused locks along the route, another monument to robust Victorian workmanship. At this point the passage of the canal is taken over by the River Rother, flowing in from the west, and our constant companion, the water, ceases to be inanimate. We stay with the water to the edge of Rye, where it passes beneath the railway bridge and the A259, then turns immediately right

to enter the town.



Romney Marsh, Kent and Sussex, Ham Street to Rye.

The walk is not only an outing in its own right; it is also one of those hikes which ents a fairly typical chunk of the greater route; the Saxon Shore Way as a whole, rather like the North and South Downs Ways, is perfect for "collection", one piece at a time, over a period of weeks or

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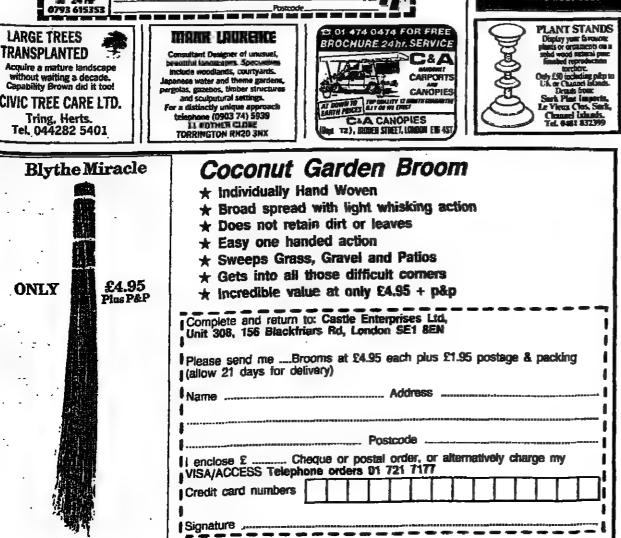
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Sense of proportion: Tennstedt conducts the London Philharmonic

CLASSICAL UPDATE

Wagner: Tristan und isolde Violers, Nileson/Böhm, Rodolphe/Harmonia Mundi (RPC 32553.55) (three CDs) 1973 recording from the Orange amphilheatre, dominated by Vickers's expressive power and by the Immenseriess and immediacy of Nilsson, working together with Bohm against the wind and

Gibbons: Cries and Fanciss Fretwork (Virgin VC 7 90849 2) The tedicus *Cries of Landon* are here, but vastly outweighed by fantasias which the viols of Fretwork weigh out with gravity, a rich, wheezing ensemble sound, and a big, physical relief of the faster

Hotst: The Planets, Ballet from The Period Fool RLPO/Mackernas (Virgin VC

7 90825 2) The old warhorse rears up with its heraldry bold and colourful: this is a vigorously frank and straightforward performance, outdoing many of the glossier, striving nam

Wagner: Das Rheingold Soloists, Bavarian RSO/Haltink (EM) CDS 7 49853 2) (two

CDs)
Fituily marvellous. James
Morris's Wotan is oustandingly
authoritative, natural and
beautiful; Theo Adam puts his all
into a justy Alberich; and the excellent Donner, Fasolt and Fatner make this a *Rheingold* rich in the depths. Haitink is spacious, and sometimes suddenly engaged.

Lone traveller in the wilderness

CASSICAL ... Hilary Finch

mountains. This new recording of the Alto Brahme: Symphony No 2/Alto Rhapsody Berlin Pril/ Abbado/Lipovsek (DG427 643-2) Brahms: Symphony No 2/Academic Festival Overture Philadelphia Oro/Muti (Philips 422, 34-2) Rhapsody is a fitting celebration, too, of Claudio Abbado's Berlin appointment: his orchestral accompaniment, deep, crisp and even of texture, is just the companion for Marjana Lipovsek's vision of the lone traveller. Her true, deep grained alto can

Printipopulae Statement No 5
Mahler: Symphony No 5
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697-2) Dvořák: Symphony No 9/Smeten: Vitava Oslo Phil/Jansons (EMI 7 n: Symphonies Nos 1 & 6 San Francisco Symphony/ Blomstedt (Decca 425 607-2)

Abbado's was a follow-on from

the Alto Rhapsody.
Tennstedt's Mahler and Haitink's Bruckner need fear no such immediate comparative evaluations: each stands alone and will. I suspect, continue to do so. The Tennstedt is a live recording of the highly charged concert with the London Philharmonic in December 1988; yet it is remarkable for its sobriety, its fine balance and sense of proportion, and the allpervasive energy of what Mahler himself saw as a new beginning.

It is the lightness and sharpness of movement, the shadow of the dance hovering behind the funeral march, which sustains the tension and nicely nervous ambiguity of the first two movements. The Scherzo, too, is buoyant, its every episode paced with super-sensitive antennae, its woodwind soloists pointing often neglected details of Mahler's combining and frag-menting of his themes. Few

recordings of the Adagietto are so meticulously "heard": the minutiae of Mahler's melodic and harmonic imaginings vibrate in

slow, sustained playing.

Haitink's 1972 Bruckner No 5 with the Concertgebouw was one of the most lucid accounts of its time: 16 years on it would still be difficult to find a more consistently satisfying interpreter. The change, of course, is the body of players: their being Austrian does make a difference. A characteristically instinctive response to the inner pulse of the dances in the Scherzo seems to inspire Haitink to greater expansiveness in the outer movements. He still though, is sensitive to their natively diffident and febrile quality of their development.

It is hard to believe Bernstein is directing the same orchestra in his Mahler No 6. DG's intensely close acoustic emphasizes a reading which tends to the strident, so vehement is its rhythmic energy, so sharp-edged its brass playing. But, equally typically, there is that irresistible sense of instinct with which the arch of phrase opens out, the alacrity with which the VPO's string soloists leap to its crest, and the wonder of their woodwind's parade of lecring figures in the Scherzo. Despite the linguistic case and

idiomatic well-being of Thomas Hampson's singing this is a disappointing Kindertotenlieder and it is Bernstein's fault. Too often the inflections of Mahler's word setting become weighed down by superfluous rubato. All too eager to equate every espressivo with riteruto, Bernstein paces the songs flatly, thereby drawing attention to the weaker depths of Hampson's baritone. To turn to the Oslo Philharmonic's properly ventilated

Dvořák with Mariss Jansons is something of a relief. This is spruce, spritely playing, with the end of one phrase sparkling into the beginning of the next, and a bright, keen string sound which comes into its own in the bold outlines of the final allegro. By contrast, the Oslo Phil's cors anglais sets the slow movement apart: the long white nights of both Jansons's musical homelands

It is the San Francisco players who are proving to be the champions of at least one branch of Scandinavian music at present. Herbert Blomstedt reaches the centre point of his fine Nielsen series with a recording of the first and last symphonics (Nos 2 and 3 remain to be released later this year). Each symphony is closely

A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK

this series, an act must have

sustained a recording career of at

least 10 years, and have mustered

The entries are designed to be

at least one decent album during

that time.

never seem far away.

understood and re-created with all the care and enthusiasm of new discovery. Blomstedt has the measure of the reticence and human scale of the First: if anything, he plays down the influence of Brahms and plays up the warm textures and fresh harmonic rhythms of the village musicmaking at the composer's roots.

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His string players are alert to the querulous energy and lean writing which hones Nielsen's melodies clear of the sentimental: his woodwind soloists show their mettle in the sidling, sour-sweet solos and the cadential figures which so often slip just out of grasp. In the chamber-musical Sixth, Blomstedt's precision of ear and vividness of imagination locate the pivot of ambiguity in this complex last work.

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stored in a 6in by 4in filing box,

available from most good sta-

tionery shops, to form an instant guide to the hits and misses of

DEEP PURPLE

T n its heyday, Deep Purple attempted

simultaneously to fulfil rock's aspira-tions as a "serious" art form —

witness Jon Lord's preposterous Concerto for Group and Orchestra performed with the Royal Philharmonic at the Albert Hall in 1969 — while

rock history.

ohn le Carré may not be the best reader in the world, but at least he knows The Russia House, a superior political thriller, better than anybody. And so he should. He wrote it. And there is always something special about hearing a book coming straight from the horse's mouth and knowing that, if anything has been cut, at least it has been done with the blessing of the true and only begetter. This is exactly the same reading that, thanks to its sustained note of menace, caused me broken sleep when BBC radio broadcast it in its A Book at

Summer's Lease is a good example of what is becoming a trend in the cassette market. It takes a performer from a TV drama production - in this case, Susan Fleetwood - and then gives her the chance to read not only her own role again, but everybody else's. The surprising result is that John Mortimer's comedy mystery about holidaying Brits in Tuscany, holds together far better on tape

JAZZ

Clive Davis

n the mainstream circuit at

least, the quintet of guitarist Howard Alden and

trombonist Dan Barrett has been

winning rave reviews over the past

five years. Last year's appearances

at the Edinburgh Festival helped

group sound of the John Kirby Sextet. If the ABO has sometimes

slipped into blandness instead, the reason lies partly in the muted,

piano-less instrumentation, the

two leaders supported by Chuck

Wilson (alto saxophone/clarinet),

Frank Tate (bass) and Jackie

The new album shows the group

continuing to develop, thanks in

no small part to Buck Clayton, the

great Basie trumpeter and ar-

ranger. Forced to retire from

playing due to illness, Clayton has

been concentrating on writing in

recent years. He began concocting arrangements for the ABQ after

hearing the group at Eddie Condon's in New York.

Some of the pieces - among them "Claytonia" - will be famil-

iar to Clayton's admirers. Most of

the newer items maintain that

standard. The outstanding com-

position is a haunting ballad

Winter Light", composed with

As an exercise in nostalgia,

Alden adds his own arrangements

of "Way Down Yonder In New

Orleans" and "Dickie's Dream",

Wilson in mind and using inter-

Williams (drums).

consolidate their following. Alden has spoken before of his admiration for the discreet small-

The Alden/Burrett Curino The ABQ Salutes Buck Clayton (Concord CCD 4395) George Coleman: At Yoshi's (Theresa TR126)

Bedtime slot last year.

Thrills of the chase

SPOKEN WORD Peter Davalle

The Russia House (EMI/Listen for Pleasure (LFP7430) Summer's Lease (The Radio Collection ZBBC1098) A Christmas Carol read by Daniel Massey (Argo 1143/44) A Christmas Carol with Ralph Richardson (Collins Caedmon CDL 51325

ry Poppins (Collins Caedmon CDL 51246)

than it did on the small screen. though not even Miss Fleetwood can replicate John Gielgud's

Thanks to Buck Clayton

George Coleman: his reputation rests more on his live performances

outrageous roue, Haverford Downs.

Brahms's and Goothe's journey into the Harz

also gleam in its higher register as

Brahms depicts the wilderness

The Second Symphony reaches

out equally warmly to the listener.

Strong on legato and minutely

sensitive to the texture of each

moment, it grows, true to the symphony itself, very much from

the bass and back to it again.

Abbado uses his orchestra's firm,

supple foundation as an integrat-

ing and propulsive source of

energy. His tempi, sympatheti-

cally conservative, ensure that

Brahms's livelier rhythms are

never merely barked out, and that

there is time enough to drink in the full colour of the vertical

harmony without any loss in

less by instinct, more by lucid, self-aware direction. Abbado, if

you like, is the loving potter,

tenderly moulding his creation;

Muti more the clear-sighted stage

manager. The sound is different, too: Muti's Philadelphia players

draw the ear higher to the reedy

tracery of the wind, and phrasing

becomes less a function of breath

and more a means towards tex-

The Finale has the edge of speed

and excitement over Abbado's:

brightly articulated, it functions

more successfully as release and is

as natural a lead-in to the Aca-demic Festival Overture as

Muti's Brahms No 2 evolves

horizontal impetus.

tural shaping.

which threatens to absorb him.

While there's a last drop of Christmas spirit left in you, make a note of these two versions of Dickens's great Christmas story. The Daniel Massey three-hour reading is the whole text, and nothing but. I have never heard it better done. Massey climbs into so many skins that when he scrambles out of them to get into his principal garb as narrator, you wonder whether this really can be the same man doing it all. Considerably shorter (56 min, but nothing vital missing), is the reissued 1960 version, with Paul Scotield too uninvolved as narrator and Raiph Richardson too nice as Scrooge.

Another useful early addition to your Christmas 1990 shopping list is the 54-minute reading - by Maggie Smith, Robert Stephens and strong cast - of four Mary Poppins tales. Forget the Disney version. This is the magical nanny as P. L. Travers fashioned her for

ROCK UPDATE Lisa Stampfield Affection

(Arista 260 379) Rochdale's premier, if not only, electro-soul diva emerged from the same post-house stable that produced Yazz, and enjoyed the surprise No 1 of 1989 with "All Around the World". Her début album is a

racial Oregon five-piece. Produced by Nile Rogers, it is a beguiling concection of modern hard rock with an unusually funky edge. UB40 Labour of Love II (Virgin DEP 14) Six years after the landmark

the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in

Part 12 of David Sinclair's collec-

tors' A-Z, a scrupulously re-

searched and patently biased

guide to the essential albums of

THE CURE t would have taken a supremely athletic leap of the imagination to spot a stadium-rock colossus in the making when a wan trio called the Cure, led by singer/guitarist Robert Smith, issued "Killing an Arab" in 1978. This debute electer with its comicellar set debut single, with its comically naff dustbin-lid cymbal splashes, launched the group as contenders on the art-rock wing of the new wave. But while subsequently maintaining his carefully cultivated air of fagged-out eccentricity.

Smith has proved a shrewd judge of popular mood, Smith has proved a strawd judge of popular mood, and by the mid-Eightles the expanded group had become a prime purveyor of the post-punk mutation of psychedelia eventually known as Gottic rock, indeed, its 1984 album, The Top, was one of the staging posts in the establishment of the genre. A string of upbeat, neo-vaudevillian hit singles ("Why Can't Je You", "The Love Cats", et al) has balanced the increasingly descondent mentions which traits the the increasingly despondent mantras which typify the ever doomier and lengthier albums, the most consistently listenable of which remains 1987's double set, Kiss me, Kiss me, Kiss me.

shamelessly responding to the basest of musical drives, most memorably with of musical drives, most memorably with the turbo-powered, proto-metal of paper Smith Deep Purple in Rock (1970), described by the Penguin Encyclopaedia of Popular Music as "arguably (the) most influential UK hard rock album ever". But, whether donning their psuedo-classicist or headbanging hats, Purple's watchword has remained "excess all areas". Ian Gillan's blood-ourding shriek, Lord's graphic organ-bashing routine and Ritchle Blackmore's guitar histrionics proved a staggeringly successful formula with No 1 albums including Firebail and Machine Head (original home of "Smoke on the Water"), it Head (original home of "Smoke on the Water"). It was also the blueprint for a subsequent wave of axewielding Brit-rockers from Iron Maiden to ex-Purple vocalist David Coverdale's Whitesnake.

NEXT WEEK: Def Leppard, Depeche Mode

My friend Matthew Mathinker number do you live at?" I

I worked it out quite quickly and went round to Multiplicand

Avenue. Unfortunately, when I arrived at the house, Mrs Bright wered the door and when I explained the problem she said: "Wrong house, wrong divisor, my dear. Mr. Mathinker's number has three

What was the number of Matthew's house?

ANSWERS Eventful: Burling were

Clankers and Digby each came 1st or 1st equal in three events. Burling came 2nd and 2nd equal in two events. Four, three, two, one points were awarded respectively for 1st. 2nd, 3rd, 4th (but seven, five. three, one works equally well). The teams scored as follows in the seven events:

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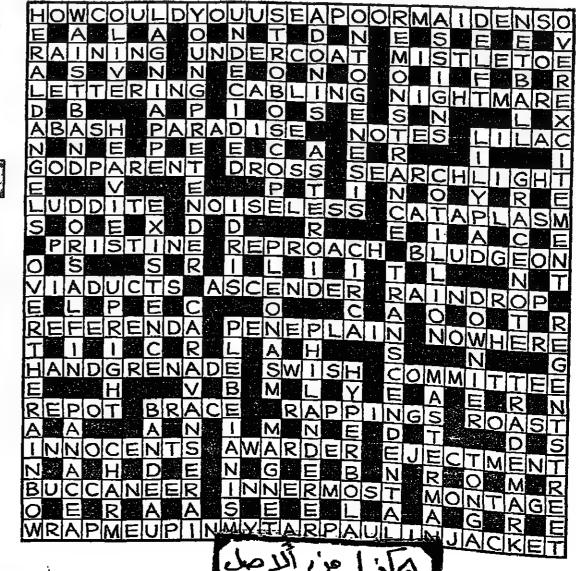
Clankers: 3, 1½, 2, 4, 1½, 3½, 2 (17%) Digby: 3, 3½, 4, 2½, 1½, 2, 1

Linkword: The anagram spelt CHIMPANZEE, The Linkwords were APACE, PECAN, PANIC. CHAIN, CHAIR, MARCH, CREAM, CRAZE, FARCE.

Solution to Jumbo puzzle

Here is the solution to The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword competition published on Saturday December 23. The five winners, who each received a prize of £50, are Mr D.P. Pearce, of Kingsway, Newcastle upon Tyne; Mrs A.C.W. Owen, West Dene, Westbury on Trym, Bristol; Miss N.D. Wickes, Rivendell, Waynflete Avenue, Brackley, Northamptonshire, H. Horry, Barithon, Hall Lane, Mobberley, Knutsford, Cheshire, and H. Evans, Leaside Avenue, Muswell Hill, north London.

Entries for the New Year Jumbo Crosssword competition must arrive by Monday. Prizes of \$50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened. Entries should be addressed to The Times New Year Jumbo Crossword Competition, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.



two tunes from Clayton's Kansas JAZZ UPDATE

weaving harmonies.

Pharoah Sanders A Prayer Before Dawn (Theresa TR127) The mellow side of the saxophonist, revealed in duets with planist William Henderson. Spacious modal compositions sit alongside a lush but dignified solo on "The Greatest Love Of Ali".

Almeida/Barbose-Lime/Byrd Music of the Brazilian Masters (Concord Picame CCD-4389) Three guitansts meet for a

City small-group sessions. It could

still be argued that the trombone-

guitar partnership fails to extract the maximum mileage from the

music. But as tributes go, this one

George Coleman is one of those

saxophonists whose reputation as

a leader rests more on his live

performances than his infrequent recordings. His latest release faith-

fully documents his abrasive post-

bop approach, while allowing listeners to compare the sound of

his quartet in concert as well as in

the more restrained environment

of a studio. Two of the five LP

pieces were taped in a San

Francisco studio, the rest taken

Whatever else, Coleman is a

from an engagement in Oakland.

tireless performer, his stamina often outlasting his audience's.

When the formula pays off, the result can be breathtaking; the rest

rarely misses the mark.

folksy catebration of music by composers as diverse as Villa-Lobos and Antonio Carlos Johim. The understated playing gradually yields its charm. Pomene Francis & His Savoy

Sultans Gettin' in The Groove (Black & Blue 233-320) Unashamed, uncomplicated riffs and swing from the drummer's 1979 line-up, boasting such veterans as trumpeter Francis Williams and alto player Norris Turney. Francis's old boss Lucky Millinder is remembered on "Shipyard Social Function".

of the time it is a question of

waiting patiently until he arrives

at the turnaround. At Yoshi's finds

him in capable company, with a

rhythm section consisting of

pianist Harold Mabern, the drum-

mer Alvin Queen, and the bass-

The two studio pieces - "Laig

Gobblin' Blues" and "IO" bring

the best out of the players,

encouraging them to cut down on the number of choruses. Perform-

ing live, the quartet automatically

stretches out, not always to any real purpose. "They Say It's Wonderful" begins with a nod in

the direction of John Coltrane's

1963 duet with baritone singer

Johnny Hartman, but then wan-

ders around the changes for

another 12 minutes. Only hard-

core Coleman fans will want to

stay with him to the end of the

player Ray Drummond.

similarly poised and seductive uttair.

De La Soul 3 Fest High and Rising (Big Life/Tommy Boy DLSLP 1)
"The Magic Number" is the fourth hit single to come from this extraordinarity popular and influential debut. With its zany mixture of centre zany mixture of gentle whimsy, good vibes and lethal dance grooves, this album has almost single-handedly hauled rap out of the dark

The Dan Reed Network Slam (Mercury 838 868-2) Imaginative no-nonsense second album from the multi-

Labour of Love, comes a second batch of cannily chosen and finely wrought cover versions.

HOUSE NUMBER by Clive Doig

moved house the other day to Multiplicand Avenue. "What asked him. "Well, if I tell you that my

house number is exactly divisible by the sum product of its digits, and the product is exactly divisible by the sum of its digits by the same divisor, you should know where I live. He then rushed off.

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Answers next week. LAST WEEK'S

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GARDENING

Hosts of uninvited guests

A well-kept garden attracts a variety of visiting plants, which can be a delight or a disaster, Francesca Greenoak writes

ardens are inexhaustibly resourceful places. Gardeners enjoy not only the plants which grow but also, for better or worse, all the others which find their way into a hospitable, nicely-cultivated soil. There are, of course, the opportunist weeds, such as speedwells, dandelions, thistles, enchanter's nightshade and chickweed, finetuned to local soil conditions. There are also seeds or plantlets which hitchhike in with container plants brought from nurseries, and interesting hybrids which occur when two plants of the same genus grow in proximity.

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There is also a fertile trade in bird and wind-sown plants, which can turn out to be a delight or a disaster. One of my hedges, planted as pure hawthorn about 85 years ago, is now endowed with field maple, ash, beech, hazel, holly, field rose and ivy. These species and others also turn up in less suitable places; I couldn't entertain the crop of oaks in the vegetable beds, though I kept some useful and interesting self-sown gooseberries and blackcurrants. Young cherries, hawthorns and even a seedling yew have turned up in the flowerbeds, while a bird-sown elder grew large enough

WEEKEND TIPS

 Begin to take cuttings from late-flowering chrysanthemum:

Get garden machinery (such as bedge-trimmers and mowers) cleaned and serviced if you have not already done so.

Sow summer cabbage and candiflower in pots under glass (13°C/SS'F) for planting out in

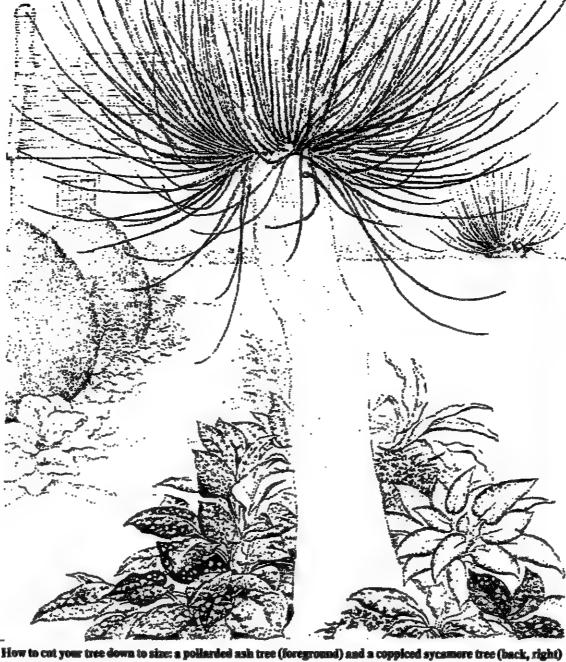
 Leep compast to built pots moist but not soggy.

Do not overwater cyclamen for a glis-glis (the edible dormouse) to make a cosy hiberation hole among its roots.

Ash seedlings, deriving from a large tree several hundred yards away on a neighbour's boundary, appear everywhere - usually in the most awkward places. Ash produces bunches of hanging, straight-winged seeds, which have such ready germination that in many English counties the young plants are called weeds. The tree itself is beautiful, with its open, spreading branching system and elegant leaflets. It casts less shade than other substantial trees, but let it grow to maturity only if your garden is very sizeable, for it will make about 65ft/20m with a spread of 24ft/7m in 20 years or so, and may put on another 10ft/3m each way when fully mature. Almost every gardener knows the

bedge-hopping tendencies of sycamore, which owes its success to the whirling acrobatic keys containing seeds that germinate so rapidly in disturbed ground. There is much outrage felt against these eager colonisers, which obscures the fact that a mature sycamore is a very fine tree. I once had a London garden with a great sycamore on the boundary, which created privacy for four large Edwardian houses. Like the ash, sycamore is really a forest tree, and you require a large garden (a luxury rarely afforded to modern town houses) if the owners - and neighbours—are to be able to regard

it with pleasure rather than dismay. Many of us, alas, find our trees rapidly outgrow what we regard as a comfortable size within a limited garden area. Both ash and sycamore can have branches removed, shortened or have their tops reduced in height without damaging the health of the tree. If you decide to undertake major pruning, it is probably safer to get a reputable contractor or a firm of tree surgeons to carry out the work. The dangers



How to cut your tree down to size: a pollarded ash tree (foreground) and a coppiced sycamore tree (back, right)

of an inexperienced person using a chainsaw on the ground are multiplied when the user is several feet in the air working from a ladder or harness. Years of experience have not made me completely at home with this undoubtedly useful, but terrifying machine.

hether or not you do it yourself, it is im-portant to think hard beforehand about the desired effect. Making sketches of the planned reductions may help define your ideas. Obvious though it may seem, you should keep in mind that branches cannot be put back. The cut stumps should rejuvenate (though this is not always true of sycamore branches more than four years old),

but the natural shape of the tree will be lost for ever. You should also remember that the tree branches out to fill the space that it previously

One of the easiest and most successful ways of enjoying large trees within a small garden is to adopt the woodland practice of coppicing. This involves cutting down the tree at ground level. In the next year the flat stump will sprout several new stems and a multistemmed tree will grow up from this coppice stool". The tree may also be cut at head height - known as pollarding. Both are ways of maintaining ancient woods for a supply of poles and fuel. Either practice leaves space for large timber trees to grow, and the shelter of the coppice woodland, flooded

with light every six to 10 years, is the best habitat for wild flowers.

In gardens, coppicing keeps the ground open and unshaded for cultivation, while providing shelter and the pleasure of growing trees. It works especially well with ash, making a small, graceful, many-stemmed tree of a potential giant. Hazel, hornbeam and field maple also look well when treated in this fashion. When the coppies tree grows too large you simply repeat the process, cutting all the trunks down to ground level. These cut stems make useful poles for beans or other climbing plants, or they can be stored for a short while to make firewood. Most British deciduous forest trees can be coppied or pollarded in this way, though not all look decorative.

WEEKEND WALK

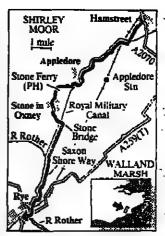
Then a friend told me that he enjoyed country walking in principle but not in practice, this is the route which I recommended to him. His problem appeared to be that he had an unhappy relationship with hills; the only thing he enjoyed even less than going up a steep one was coming down the other side. Ascents, he said, played hell with his calf muscles - if, indeed, he had any - while descents were murder on the thighs. So here is a nine-miler, than which strolls seldom come flatter.

It is part of the so-called Sexon Shore Way, which comes from the south of Sussex and crosses Romney Marsh by way of the Royal Military Canal before coasting round Kent op to the Thames estnary. We start at the village of Ham Street, which is six miles south of Ashford on the A2070. Our destination is two stops down the railway line to Hastings, so this is a good proposition for both the motor-ist and the train traveller.

Opposite the T-junction 200 yards to the south of the village crossroads, the way strikes off to the right across the fields to join the south bank of the long disused canal, built as part of the defence system against the threat of Napoleonic invasion. This is perfect terrain for a short, grey winter's day, with the marshes stretching away towards the headland of Dungeness in the

From Appledore there is a short but worthwhile departure from the waterside when the path cuts due west, and then south at the Stone Ferry pub, towards Stone, the village on top of the Isle of Oxney. which, until the great drainages, was precisely what it sounds. So flat is the surrounding landscape that this modest elevation takes on the character of a sizeable

The path rejoins the canal at Stone Bridge after a mile, and marches resolutely southwards next to the water for a mile and a half. We pass one of the various disused locks along the route, another monument to robust Victorian workmenship. At this point the passage of the canal is taken over by the River Rother, flowing in from the west, and our constant companion, the water, ceases to be inanimate. We stay with the water to the edge of Rye, where it passes beneath the railway bridge and the A259, then turns immediately right to enter the town.



Romney Marsh, Kent and Sussex, Ham Street to Rye.

The walk is not only an outing in its own right; it is also one of those hikes which represents a fairly typical chunk of the greater route; the Saxon Shore Way as a whole, rather like the North and South Downs Ways, is perfect for "collection", one piece at a time, over a period of weeks or

f, like my friend, you welcome the presence of a canal as incontrovertible evidence of flatness, consider the next leg eastwards, which runs from Ham Street to the fortified town of Hythe, terminal of the tiny trains from Romney and Dimchurch.

Alan Franks



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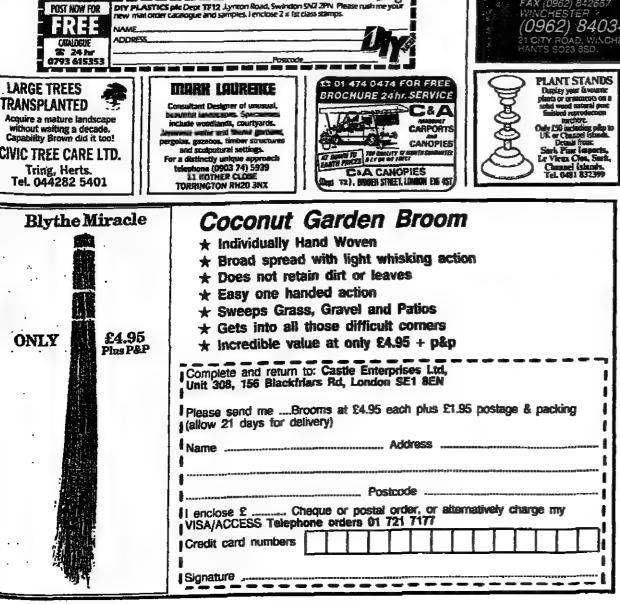
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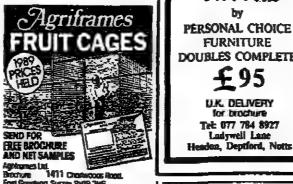
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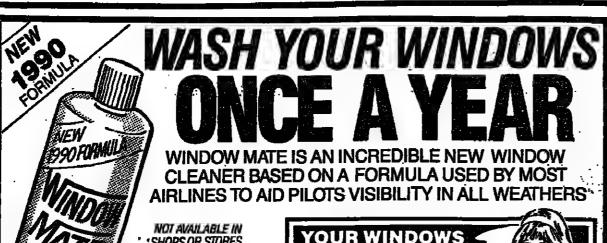
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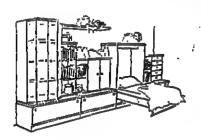
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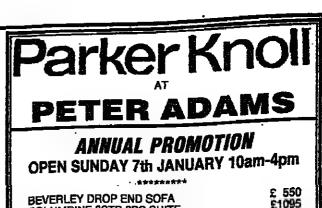
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Brushing on a broader canvas

hen Glynn Boyd Harte, the artist and Times illustrator, failed to find the wallpapers and fabrics he wanted for his newly acquired 18thcentury London house, he decided to design and produce his own. This week his work goes on sale at interior design shops throughout the country.

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The collection, under the Dolphin Studio label, is in the style of the watercolours for which Boyd Harte is re-nowned. His flowers are lifesize, realistically coloured and shadowed to make them appear three-dimensional.

My flowers are drawn naturalistically, not stylized," he says. "I don't think this has been attempted on fabric or

"I wanted to get away from two extremes — the English nostalgia for the sprigged, Victorian look, and the modem movement which seems to have got stuck in the Sixties. I feel that colour and freshness is lacking in many modern designs because they are all so

Using the production methods employed by artist-crafts-men of the past, Boyd Harte draws each colour separation himself, which eliminates any mechanical preparation before the cloth or paper is dyed. "I've always liked working

with other craftsmen so I am very happy working alongside proofers who mix the colour, and the wallpaper manufac-turers," he says. "I think it's the artist's role to be involved with every aspect of the job. There's nothing quite like watching hundreds of yards of your own fabric being printed."
Starting with William Mor-

ris, there has been a long history in Britain of artists producing decorative crafts in this way. But, with modern art education pigeon-holing students into specific areas, tra-Mitional processes have been lost. It is this tradition of applied decoration and the spirit of artist-involvement which Boyd Harte hopes to revive in his work for the Dolphin Studio.

"Art schools blinker you into 'one department or another," he laments. "I feel strongly that if you are an artist you should do a whole range of things. I studied illustration at the Royal College of Art but I class myself as a painter — though one who equally likes the decorative ication of painting

Nicole Swengley talks to a

watercolourist who has turned his

skills to designing and

producing wallpapers and fabrics



Design for living: Glynn Boyd Harte with part of his collection

Dolphin Studio. Other mem-

bers of the company are

Joanna Holcroft, managing

director, who has worked in

the wallpaper and textile in-

dustry since 1976, and Dr Miriam Stoppard, chairman,

better known for her tele-

vision medical programmes,

"The Stoppards have al-

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As design director of Dol-

phin Studio, Boyd Harte's

knowledge of specialist print-

ing techniques, gained by producing lithographs, etch-

ings and silk screens, is put to

excellent use. But, though the

articles and books.

the RCA in 1973 and has since held 10 one-man exhibitions of watercolours, lithographs and drawings in London, Paris and New York. He has produced six limited edition books and an illustrated account of life in Venice.

But it was his imaginative decoration of the Dolphin Brasserie in London, with its underwater scenes translated to carpets, curtains, furnishing fabric, plates, menus and murals, which provided the in-spiration for forming the Dolphin Studio.

Nicholas Crawley, the Nicholas Crawicy, owner of the brasserie, was so impressed with Boyd Harte's and a furniture design business for several years." him to put into production the fabric and wallpapers the artist was designing for his London house. As the director of several hotels and restaurants, Crawley is well olaced in his role as commer-Boyd Harte qualified from cial development director of studio will initially produce challe VAT.

tion - it is hoped that it will eventually commission designs from other well-known artists once the style and range has become established. "We decided to start with a compact collection (there are

only his designs - he is aiming to produce an annual collec-

six fabrics, six wallpapers and four borders) because I feel we can wait to include larger designs. I have hundreds up my sieeve. We also want to be able to adapt to our cus-

Boyd Harte hopes to produce a range based on old French wallpapers for 1992 and is keen to come up with a special range for the United States, where tastes tend to favour bolder designs than in Britain. He also plans a range of seaweed and coral designs for bathrooms. At first, the ranges will be aimed at the domestic market but he hopes that later there will be corporate collections for boardrooms and offices.

We're keen to come up with designs that are distinctly new and to use Irish linen and good quality papers," he says.

oyd Harte feels that his prices compare ections by Osborne & Little and Colefax & Fowler. Like these established companies, Dolphin Studio will shortly have a sample book at most interior design outlets.

As for the future, he says: "It has always been my ambition to open a shop with all kinds of decorative accessories - plates, gift-wrap and so on; not an interior decoration shop as such but an outlet for adapting my own designs to a whole range of items."

In time, it may well turn out that this initial collection of fabrics and wallpapers is just the first brushstroke on a very

ways bought paintings at my exhibitions and have given me Dolphin Studie wallpapers are made in the UK, and rolls measure 52cm wide and a lot of encouragement so it measure 52cm wide and 10.05m long. Prices range from £16.50 a roll for "Dol-phin Stripe" to £25.95 for "Pansy". Borders, which vary in size from 8.5cm x 10.05m to seemed natural that Miriam should become involved. She 10.05cm x 10.05m, cost £11.90 each. The fabrics are 100 per cent cotton (except for a large check in linen union), measuring 137cm wide. Prices range from £13.90 a metre for a small check to £27.90 for "Assemone", "Pansy" and



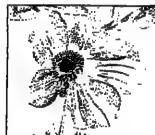












Top: mix of checks and "Pansy" prints. Centre: "Parrot Tulip" (left) and "Anenome" border (far left), "Creamware" border, 'Golden Trellis" border and "Lag and Feather border (centre), and "Anenome" detail. Boyd Harte says: "My flowers are drawn naturalistically, not stylized, with shadows

New line in table talk

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were the unobtruholders of piles of magazines, luxurious books. plants, coffee mugs and wine sses, without so much as a hisper about themselves. Whether made of glass, wood or metal, it was their bland neutrality which characterized them. Now they have become conversation pieces in their own right, crying out for attention (Nicole Swengley

For example, Peter Luck-Hille's flamboyant tablescapes incorporate abstract cut-outs in Day-Glo acrylic represent-ing trees, buildings and people. Miniature, model electric or steam railways can be supplied to complete the effect, which can be re-arranged at the owner's whim by removing the glass top and changing the scenery inside.

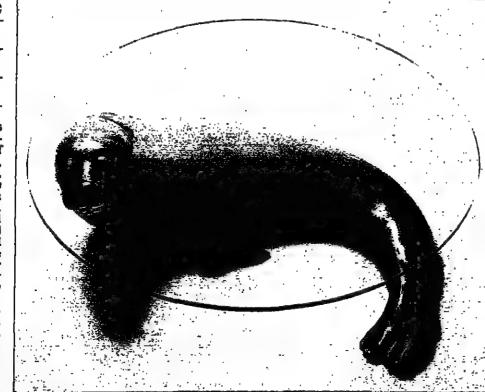
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Derek Pearce's coffee tables are even more eccentric. His collection of "Water Tables" ncludes the upturned ducks and seal tables shown here, long with a hippo table, a man-in-the-bath table and a ableful of swimmers.

The tables are made of cold ast bronze with the central contacted on 01-674 2074.



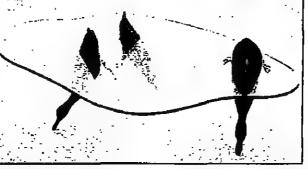
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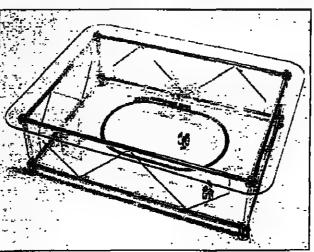
figures rising through and above a glass horizontal which forms the table top. Prices start at £1,800 for the seal table; the ducks and hippo tables cost £3,500.

With a background in theatrical set designing and musical composition for film and theatre, Pearce says that he likes to work in a variety of artistic areas. "I'm basically concerned with developing ideas, so the wood or metal are vehicles for making an idea work. The means to an end."

It was the realization that glass-topped coffee tables appear to have a watery surface that prompted this first venture into making the kind of pieces which hover between sculpture and furniture. That, and the fact that humour is a vital element of the concept. "I feel the humorous element is important in breaking down preconceived notions about art and the way people think things should

Pearce (known to his friends as "Egg") accepts commissions from those who share his sense of whimsy. He can be





Tablescape (above) by Main Line Trains, from £795 Upturned ducks table (centre). by Derek Pearce, £3,500

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Character study: a Hals creation

he two most remarkable works among the 66 paintings by Frans Hals (1581-1666), which go on show today at the Royal Academy of Arts in London, are the late group portraits of the Regents and Regentesses of the Old Men's Almshouse in Haarlem, the artist's home town. Besides being considered among the greatest character studies ever painted, they hold the key to Hals's life and work. It is important to remember that the subjects of these pictures were the same charity governors responsible for periodically dispensing to the artist hand-outs of fuel and shelter. His life hitherto had been a catalogue of brushes with the authority represented by such wealthy notables. He was yearly in court for debt and was finally declared bankrupt. He also drank heavily and may have been disposed to violence; he was rumoured to have killed his first wife in a drunken rage. Of his eight children one was mad and another was incarcerated, apparently for loose morals. Between frequent appearances in the dock, Hals managed to develop a virtuoso painting technique well suited to the cocky, ruddy-faced characters he portrayed. All of the bravura typifying his free style was employed in his portrayals of the Regents to expose their mean and smug conceits. This is one exhibition not not be missed. Royal Academy of Arts, London Wi (01-439 7438). From today, Champagne reception on Tuesday in aid of the Haemophilia Society (tickets: 01-834 7566).



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SISTERS (15): Engaging romantic comedy with fairytale trimmings. Patrick Dempsey as an American student spending Christmas with an eccentric Quebec family. Directed by Michael Hoffman. Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). From Fri.

SCENES FROM THE CLASS STRUGGLE IN BEVERLY HILLS (18): Satirical fun and games with a soft centre from director-actor Paul Bartel; with Jacqueline Bissett as an actress attempting a comeback. Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527).

S ix years separate Euzhan Palcy's first feature Rue Cases Nègres from her second, A Dry White Season, a powerful assault on apartheid, based on André Brink's novel. But the years were certainly not spent idly. In 1984, the Martinique-born film-maker optioned Brink's combustible book, which had been published five years before and swiftly banned by the South African censor. Thereafter she dogsedly began nurturing a script. Once producer Paula Weinstein joined the project, David Puttnam suggested Colin Welland as a suitable writer to handle the story of two families — one white, one black — devastated by the violent Soweto uprising of 1976. Marlon Brando was the first actor to sign on, taking the cameo role of McKenzie, a civil rights lawyer; fortunately for the production, he waived his fee, Main parts went to Donald Sutherland playing a complacent teacher belatedly politicized by the brutal fate of his black gardener, Janet Suzman as Sutherland's inflexible wife, and Zakes Mokae, who was last seen oozing evil in The Serpent and the Rainbow. The film, shot in Zimbabwe, has already been seen in specialized venues in South Africa, including a cinema bordering Soweto itself, where the response was apparently overwhelming. "Now we can see the truth," one audience member said. Curzon West End (01-439 4805), certificate 15. From Friday.



Cheryl Campbell as the constant wife: revealing how much the Nineties are in tune with the Twenties

heryl Campbell heads the distinguished cast of a new distinguished cast of a ner production of The Constan

Wife, Somernet Mangham's 1920
"masterpiece", which Lucy Parker
is directing for Teatr Clwyd in its studio space, the
Emlyn Williams Theatre, before touring it to Bangor, Cardiff, Brighton and Aberystwyth. Campbell plays Constance, the wife of the title, with James Faulkner as her husband, Matilda Ziegler her young daughter, Faith Brook her mother, Giles Watling (from Bread) her lover, Susan Kyd her husband's lever, and Toby Roberton the lever's excholded busband. Parker says of the play: "It is very crisp and contemporary. One of its themes is how having an economic life of one's own

LONDOM NAME FESTIVAL:
World's largest festival of mime and visual theatre, Free programme booklet from London Mime Festival, 23 Museum Street WC1 (01-637 5661). Various wenues. From Mon to Jan 28 venues. From Mon to Jan 26.

THE POLICE: English premiere for Polish farce about a police state. The Drum, Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 869595). Opens Wed. VALUED FRIENDS: Michael

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: Ashton's great romantic comedy La Fille Mai Gardée returns to the programmes (Tues, Wed, Thurs), with Lesley Collier and Stephen Jefferies dancing on the Tues. This time the haltet will be accompanied by ballet will be accompanied by a new staging of the virtuoso Pas de Str from Chabukiani's ballet Laurencia, a showpiece of the Kirov repertoire. Further performances of Cinderella, this afternoon and evening, Fri and Sat Jan 20. Sylvie Guillern takes the title role today and Fri, and Maria Almeida on Sat Jan 20. Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: Final week of the Nutcracker season, today and Monday to Jan

THEATRE TONY PATRICK

gives an independence of spirit to women. Another theme is how men and women differ in their attitudes to infidelity; in the opening scene a roomful of people are trying to tell Constance her husband is unfaithful, and she is

deliberately not getting the message. Finally there is the value of discretion: when her younger daughter argues the pre-eminence of frankness to Constance she replies: "Frankness, of course, is the pose of the moment", which is only one example of how directly the play speaks to as now, and bow much we now seen to be in tune with the Twenties." The Constant Wife, Testr Clwyd, Mold (0352 55114). Previews from

BROADCASTING

A SENSE OF GUILT: Hot-blooded drama by Andrea (Bouquet of Barbed Wire) Newman with Trevor Eve as a horrible-but-human novelist wrecking the lives of all those around him BBC1, Tues, 9.30-10.10pm.

THE EARLY HOURS OF A REVILED MAN: Latest of several collaborations between actor lan McDiarmid and playwright Howard Barker in which an anti-Semitic writer makes a nightmare journey of self-hatred and self-ruvolation. Radio 3, Tues, 9.45-11pm.

SOPINE'S CHOICE (1982): Oscar winning performance from Meryl Streep in Alan J. Pakula's meticulous, if overlong, study of a concentration camp survivor.

Angelis, Josle Lawrence, Jimmy Mulville, Louisa Rix in return of Stephen Jeffreys's comedy. Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre NW3 (01-722 9301). Previews from Thurs. Opens

PHOTOGRAPHY

JOHN SWANNELL: The glamorous world of fashion by one of the top names in the field. Joan Collins, Grace Jones, John Hurt and Bob Geldof have also been photographed by him... Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Edinburgh (031 556 6921). From

MARTIN PARR: Young British photographer's sometimes acerbic view of the affluent life of southern England. Large colour prints lend this exploration of consumerism a glossy veneer that matches the subject. Still, one is left with the overall impression that Parr's earlier photo-journalistic exploits— The Last Resort and One Day Trip - were stronger. The Photographers Gallery, London WC2. (01-831 1772)

ROCK DAVID SINCLAIR

BILL GRIFFITHS

LENNY KRAVITZ: Twenty-fiveyear-old dread-rocker from New York whose closest spiritual relations must include Terence Trent D'Arby and

Prince. Mon, Marquee, London WC2 (01-437 6603); Wed, Boardwalk, Manchester (061 228 3555).

ERASURE: Second leg of the duo's longest-ever UK tour, at the end of which they will have performed before a total audience of more than 230,000 people. Tues and Wed, Whitley Bay tos Rink (091 252 6240); Thurs, SECC, Glasgow (041 248 3000).

RED LORRY YELLOW LORRY: Last September's Blow found the Lorries adding some surprisingly tuneful colourings to their mournful, clumpy Goth-rock

sourd. Tues, Burberrys, Birmingham (021 643 1500); Wed, Huddersfield Polytechnic (0484 538156); Thurs, Beths Hall, Scenthorpe (0724

THE ALARM: Increasingly slick post-punk rockers with a mission to champion the Welsh language by conquering the American charts. Fri, Music Hall, Aberdeen (0224) 641122).



- T. C.

ALLAN TITMUS

ontemplating the start of his third January residency at London's.
Royal Albert Hall, Eric Clapton let it be known that he now
regards this annual exercise as something akin to a rock equivalent of the Proms. Leaving aside the towering egotism of the man, such aspirations speak volumes about the institutionalized respectability of a performer who, 25 years ago, left the Yardbirds because their increasingly "commercial" approach rubbed against the grain of his then puritanical obsession with the blues. As a nod in the direction of those one some days. Clapton plans to render three of these concerts (February 3, 4 and 5) as a celebration of the blues, and has enlisted the help of Robert Cray, the genre's ourstanding Young Turk, and Chicago veteran Buddy Guy. More ominously, he has also commissioned Michael Kamen, with whom he worked on the scores of Edge of Darkness and Lethal Weapon 2, to write him a full-blown concerto for guitar in beperformed on February 8, 9 and 10. The rest of the shows promise to be the usual formula of nonchalant, well-heeled excellence, played by the usual crack backing band, although enlivened by some of the less familiar material from Journeyman, Clapton's new album NEC Birmingham (021 780 4133), tomorrow, Mon and Tues; Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589 8212), January 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, February 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10.

OPERA

OPERA NORTH: Show Bost, the highly successful RSC collaboration, continues its run on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat Jan 20. New production of Donizetti's Don Pasquale by Patrick Mason, tonight, Wed and Fri, with Andrew Shore in the title role. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351).

NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATNE: Wad seas the opening of The Caucasian Challe Circle by Brecht. Stephen Warbeck's Chinese-Influenced score accompanies the play in a production of typical invention and enterprise. Daily from Wed at Sadjer's Wells Theatre, London

EC1 (01-278 8916).

JAZZ

KENNY WHEELER: Opening dates of an Arts Council tour by the trumpeter, celebrating his 60th berthday. Queen Elizaberin Hall, London SE1 (01-928 8800), Thurs, RNCM, Manchester (061 273 4504), Fri; Albert Hall, Nottingham (0602

419741), Sat. PIANO TRIAD: Solo recitate Django Bates, Alex Maguire and Akemi Kuniyoshi-Kuhn. ICA, London (01-930 6393), tomorrow; York Arts Centre (0904 627129), Tues; MV Thekla, Bristol (0272 293301), Wed; Gardner Arts Centre, Brighton (0273 685861), Thurs; Willesden

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CONCERTS

NEW NEW TESTAMENT: Sumbon Harrap conducts the London Narrap contents the Editorial the United Kingdom premiere of the new version of Beno's Caratam Movissimi Testamenti II, and the UK premiere of Ofanim.

Barbican Centre, SIIk Street, London EC2 (01-636 8891). Mon. 7.45pm. -MORIE HAYDAL Adding another

contribution to the current series of concerts devoted to Haydin, the Britten Quartet plays the Quartets Op 76 Nos 2, 4 and 6.
Queen Eizabeth Half, South Bank, London SE1 (01-926 8900). Tues, 7,45 om.

RARE SIBELUS: After playing Seathoven's Quartet Op 59 No 1 the Gabrielli Quartet is joined by planist Anthony Goldstone for what premiere of Sibelius's Piano Quintet.

Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London-W1 (01-935-2141). Wed, 7.30pm.

SALK STREET BEASONS: John Blot Gardiner conducts the Monteverdi Choir, English Berdque Soloists and others in Haydn's The Barbican Centre. Thurs, 7.45pm.

ZADOK AND NELSON: The Choir of New College, Oxford, the City of London Sinfonia and soloists and conducted by Edward Higginbotham in performances of Hendel's Zedot the Priest and Haydn's "Netson" St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Fri,

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Green Library Centre, London NW10 (01-451 0294), Fri; Rosehill Theatre, Whitehavan (0046 592422), Set 20. 20, with matinees on Sats. Royal Festival Hall (01-928 8800). BBC1, Fri, 9.30-11.55pm.

n one of his last columns for The Times, Jeremy Flint gave a handy tactical tip: if you know what your final contract is likely to be, go there at once; don't give your opponents room to find their best contract. South scored a big gain for his side by taking this advice on the following

Rubber bridge. Game all. Dealer South.

♦ 653 ♣ J976 W E 015 ∇ K832 0 97 4 A054 **♦ K986** V A Q 765 **→** K 1082 ↑72 ♥94 ♦ AKQJ10842 ↑3

South opened with the gambling three no trump and West was in a spot Some players use a four club or diamond bid in this situation to show a shortage in the bid suit, but without such a gadget West could only double. North bid a conventional four clubs to show that he could not stand the double, and now it was East's turn to double.

South could pretty well fine bid of five diamonds. West doubled, and that was the end of the auction. Obvi-

turned out to be a good score. sacrifice, of going down to
West was clearly at fault prevent them going down. here. He should have passed the five diamond bid (1)

to warn his partner against bidding on. If five diamonds goes round to East undoubled. East probably has enough to try five hearts and West has another tricky decision: whether to raise five hearts to SIX OF HOL Six hearts does in fact make

BRIDGE

on a dummy reversal. Declarer ruffs two diamonds, draws trumps, leads twice towards the Q J 5 of spades obviously North cannot rise with the ace - cashes the ace and queen of clubs and plays off the last two trumps in the East hand. In the three-card position North has to bare his ace of spades in order to keep the club guard, and a spade lead now end-plays him. A neat squeeze and throw-in, and 1,430 points to East-West.

Sacrificing at rubber bridge is not a precise art, and is little understood by the general run of players. One authority goes so far as to state that "broadly speaking, there is little future in sacrificing at rubber bridge", but this is not the whole story.

Clearly, if you are playing with the weakest player at the table, sacrificing is lunatic: you are handing your oppowork out that East-West were nents money for the privilege very likely to make game and of continuing to play against possibly slam, so he made the them at a disadvantage. By the same token, if you and your partner are the stronger pair it is worth paying a little to stay ously declarer took only nine in the game. But you still run tricks, but a penalty of 350 the risk of making a phantom

Tacues do require a degree of personal flair but another because he has already bid his area of the game, technique, hand fully, and (2) because a can simply be learnt. No double of five diamonds competent player would now-would tend to suggest that his adays make South's mistake side had diamond losers and on the next deal

Rubber bridge. North-South 90. Dealer South.

♦ AJ8 ♥ A983 ♦ K5 ♣ J1082 N E ♥ 0482 ♥ 107 © 01064 ♥ Q75 0 J9732 ₱984

N E 233 No No At the score, North's two

heart response might have been a bid from weakness or slam try. South made an exploratory cue bid, got a cue bid straight back, and that was enough for him. West led a diamond, which declarer won in hand. He

cleared trumps, returned to

the diamond king and successfully finessed the club jack. South cut the cards and wrote down 1,000 for the grand slam bonus. "Nice try," said one of the opposition, "but you were only playing a small slam." South corrected the score and admitted sheepishly that he had thought he was in seven. West was not mean enough to point out that

been all wrong. Of course, anyone can make 12 tricks, but the play for 13 is different. After drawing trumps declarer plays off the two top clubs, and if the queen does not fall he then finesses in spades. A pity South wasn't playing a grand slam . . . he would have made it where an expert might have failed.

in that case South's play had

John Graham

Grandmaster section of the Foreign & Colonial Tournament at Hastings which commands public attention. This year, however, the bold exploits of the Dundee Master, Colin McNab, in the Foreign &

Colonial Challengers group, seized most of the headlines. The winner of the Challengers qualifies for next year's elite GM competition. This year that honour fell to England's Tony Kosten, who also com-pleted his qualifications for the grandmaster title. Nevertheless, in terms of playing style, McNab shone against a field of experienced masters and grandmasters from the US and east and west Europe, displaying a remarkable flair

Foreign & Colonial Has-tings Challengers McNab-Wojtkiewicz. Hedgehog Opening. 1 of 3 gg 5 gg

4 Bg2 Bb7 6 of of 8 Mc3 0-9 Black is basing his play on the assumption that White will eventually sacrifice a

normal Hedgehog. 10 8b2 Qe 11 Res 12 Res 10 de 14 Nest Res

This move does not fit into a Hedgehog formation, Tra-ditionally the Black queen's rook should go to c8. The d6 pawn has plenty of protection in any case and, as we shall see, the rook on d8 is exposed to attack . 16 16 g6

A remarkably self-confident rebounded by weakening on both sides of the board.

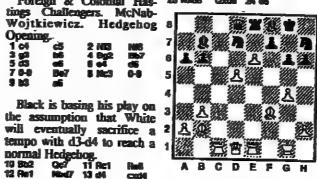
t is normally the White's own pawn structure. This move and White's next are designed to force Black to react to the threat of g5 and thereby loosen the pawns

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around his king 16 ... 16 Mgs A wonderful sacrifice, Black has to accept, but in short order both his king and queen come under fire.

Now we see why the placing of the Black rook on d8 was unfortunate. Black cannot capture on c6 without ruinous loss of material Qef 21 e5 White does not capture

immediately. First he sets in motion a murderous mass of central pawas. 21 _ dxe5 22 txe5 23 Nad8 Gxd8 24 e6



24 _ MdH5 25 sxf7+ Kxf7 25 Roof Nac6 27 Oc2 Bc5* It looks as if White's attack should be slowing down, now that he has traded in some pressure for material. Perhaps Black should defend the e6 square with ... Ng5. In any case after the text there seems to be a resurrence of White's initiative. In particular, White's queen is extremely decision, which might have mobile and there are targets

Ng5 28 Bg2 Qe7 31 Rf1+ Bzg4 33 Bu3 With the threat of Rxf8+. 33 ... Ngf7 34 Bb4 Qb7 35 Re1+ Be7 36 Qub?

In the time scramble Black loses all his pieces.

36 ... Nab? 37 Ran?+ Kd8

38 Rab? Nes 39 Ba5+ Kc8

40 Rc?+ Kb8 41 d8

 Former Prime Minister Lord Callaghan awards the prizes in the Foreign & Colonial Grandmaster section, which ends at Hastings tomorrow

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White to play and win. What is White's winning

Send your enswer on a postcard with your name and address to: The Times Winning More Competition, The Times, I Pennington Street, London Et 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will vis a Times welfor-sized personal chass competer. The winning more will be printed in The Times next Seaurday. Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Red Kell 2 Rids gaining a

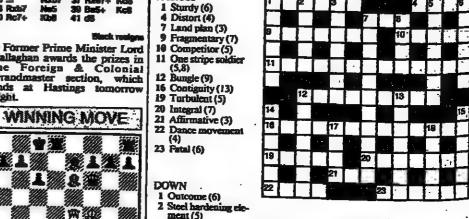
Solution to last Saturday's competition Cochrane-Staumon, London 1842 Black wins with 1...Noti3+. The three winners of The Times personal chees computers are: F. C. E. Smith, Solhuli, West Molanda; Henry L. Garfath, South Croydon, Surrey; Noel Carey, Casteber, Co Mayo, Inland.

Raymond Keene

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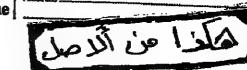
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RACING 54 55

Coe is a gazelle with the snarl of a tiger

It has been said that in pelitical journalism, journal-ists are writing as if they disilked people they rather liked, whereas in sport the journalists write as if they ilked people whom they condaily desire.
Sebastian Coe is playing out

the last reel of his sporting life and preparing to join the more grown-up fantasy world of politics. So perhaps this will be the last uncritically friendly press conference of his life. He conducted it here yes-terday on the 31st floor of a building overlooking the

bridge and the opera house, and he did so with a sort of self-confident breeziness that will no doubt become part of his stock-in-trade when he starts running for Thatcher. "No, I've got other things to think about now, other things to do. And I want to retire at a first-class level . . . "
He runs tomorrow in a

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warm-up meeting here, and then on to Auckland and the Commonwealth Games for the last attempt at one of those yellow medals. He tries his usual double of 800 and 1,500

The Commonwealth Games is usually thought to be a in the flat. I couldn't think pretty sub-standard athletics what to do." Steve Davis has competition. But this time (touch wood) we have no major boycott, and that means the Kenyan legions will be with us. Indeed, the Kenyan coach has announced that Kenya will win every gold from 400m up.

So if anyone was thinking that Coe was planning a final cakewalk, a last cheap medal to enter politics with a final

possible," he said. Racing as well as possible has, for about 20 years, been the most imstrange for him when this is no longer the case.

remember before my finals, thinking of all the great things I would do when they were over, how much time I would have. The day after I had finished, I just sat aroun what to do." Steve Davis has said that the aftermath of a major championship always leaves him depressed, even; or perhaps especially, if he has won it. The aftermath of a desperately hard to handle.

But hangovers are the last thing he is thinking about right now. He is in the routine, familiar and well-loved, of preparing for a major champ-

earn this one. "It is very gone singularly well this time. happy with such an archetypal and grace, but through driving savoured important that I race as well as . Coe was at his most cat-like simplification. Over was can aggression, through a desire. Now yesterday, relaxed and abrather splendid to be an charming self-effacing and athlete at the absolute pin-handed a gift that all but portant thing in the entire rather splendid to be an world for Coc. It will be athlete at the absolute pinmacle of condition. "No. it would be foolish to

> preparation for a career in politics," he said. "In some day-to-day things, like experience of handling the media, sure, it will belp. But it is things I have done outside sport that will help me more." Coe will go into politics as a very popular fellow. It is strange how, once people have decided on a person's charac-ter, they will not change their minds ever, no matter how much irrefutable evidence they

have to the contrary. Everybody knows that Coe is the nice one: to be compared and contrasted with Steve Ovett, who was supposed to be the nasty one. People were

ning, a tricky racer, a scrapsolutely easy with himself. He per, arrogant and tough. Coe and stronger than that of made you think that it must be was a gazelle in human form, anyone else in the race. That is overwhelmed him.

Ovett is, I am told, one of say that athletics is a good the nicest fellows you could wish to meet. And Coe has a Coe is, thus far, inviolate: the thick streak of toughness in him, and he also has an almost Overpowering aggression.

He has even displayed this in public. After his second Olympic gold medal, the one in Los Angeles, he celebrated his victory with a fit of what looked like psychotic rage, his face distorted quite horribly. He was raging drunk on adrenalin: "Who says I'm finished?" he reared at the press box, thrusting his index

injury to the air around him,

He had wen the race, not

anyone else in the race. That is how I will always think of Coe: sible not to question anybody Coe mmasked, stripped naked of his gennine charm by the truth drug of victory. But never mind the facts:

nice guy. "No, I am not hoping to become a sports minister. I have broad interests." He is prospective parliamentary candidate for Falmonth and Camborne, and in a few weeks will be out there in Cornwall doing his bit for his team. You can't wrong-foot him

here: he has done a lot of homework about the place, and talks about matters affecting the constituency, with great clan. He is eager to let you know that you can't wrong-foot him as well. Still, I suppose MPs who take an interest in their countinencies

for victory that was greater cheap, gratuitous cynicism for lot more of this. It is imposin politics: from there cynicism

being liked and admired, is going to have to get used to being cordially disliked by a great many people. I remember talking to Wes Hall, the former West Indian

fast bowler, now Minister for Sport in Barbados. I asked him if being a hugely popular sportsman had helped him in his political career. When I was a cricketer, everyone on the island liked me." he said. saying this as a semi-joke.
"Now I am in politics, maybe half of them hate me." If Coe does as well as that in

Falmouth and Camborne, he will have done well. Commonwealth gold medal or no.



TRAVEL

BEHIND THE Masks of CARNIVAL

From Venice to Rio. from Vienna to Cologne, the carnival is an occasion of modern entertainment and ancient rite. In Rome the she-wolf was feted by the annual release of prisoners, writes Hilary Finch, but it was when the rites of

paganism and Christianity collided that carnival was born. Page 63

why it's a PLEASURE TO SKI USA

While the ski prospects in Europe remain poor in many areas, the skiing in America is as good as ever, reports Brian James. It is not so much the altitude as the attitude which makes the transatiantic crossing worthwhile.



WATCHING FOR THE WHALES

Off the coast of Cape humpback and minke whales feed in the shallow waters with such obliging regularity that their presence has stimulated a flourishing boat-trip business. Nancy Lee Patton took the half-hour journey to watch the giants of the

Ryan to discover the harsh reality of management

After the trauma of having very different, if obvious,

three different managers and two chairmen in the space of a fortnight, Antield is surely the last place Luten Town would have wished to visit this afternoon. Not according to I Jimmy Ryan, the man who succeeded Ray Harford and Terry Mancini as manager of the relegation-threatened Bedfordshire club. After his first day in charge, Ryan yesterday declared: yesterday declared: Liverpool have never fright-

if Harford lacked "charisma," Ryan is certainly not short on bravado. "I am not daunted by the prospect of Liverpool," he added. "In fact I would much rather start off with the big-game atmosphere. Better Anfield than somewhere like Gillingham or

Hartlepool," Behind the facade, Ryan, formerty in charge of the reserves, is well aware of the reality that is Luton's failure to win any of their last 10 League games. In the process they have slumped to second from bottom in the first

Chariton Athletic, the cushbottom, and Aston Villa, breathing heavily down Liverpool's neck at the top of the table, meet at Selhurst Park in

His team may be the "form team," of the moment, but Southampton, lying fourth and beaten only once in 10 games, are not far behind. They follow up last week's

FA Cup win at Tottenham Hotspur by entertaining Everton at the Dell. Just 48 hours after submitting a written transfer request. Cottee is included in the visiting squad, and is expected to take his now normal seat on the substitutes' bench. He has struggled to start in an attack which, for all the ability of Newell and Sharp, has managed only eight goals in the last

games. weekend, Alex Ferguson must consolidate his managerial position at Old Trafford by rejuvenating Manchester United's league form. He aims to end a run of eight games

without a win at home, against a Derby County side seeking ion between Luton and the its third consecutive win against United, Convinced, publicly at least, that his fortunes have turned, Fer-

Sunday's win can be a lift to If Graham Taylor, Villa's and be just the boost we manager, is seeking the England job this summer, he is certainly timing his run right. both supporters and players, prove him wrong.

The long ball meets the short in East Anglia where promotion pushing Ipswich Town, beaten only once in their last 15 encounters, and playing some delightful one touch stuff, will endeavour to combat the "route one" approach as practised by Shef-

Exactly 21 years after taking charge of Ipswich, Bobby Robson, now the England man-Portman Road crowd.

ened should Lowe, returning after a lengthy absence follow After earning a reprieve by ing a knee operation, step off putting Nottingham Forest the substitutes' bench. It is out of the FA Cup last somewhat surprising that Ipswich's recent good run has coincided with the loss of the former England under-21 international forward, who is arguably their best player.

Sheffield United are one place and two points behind Leeds United, another Yorkshire side with a similarly direct philosophy. Chapman, a £400,0000 midweek signing from Nottingham Forest leads their attack at Blackburn

Ascot success for The Welder



The Welder (Willie McFarland, left) jumps the last fractionally ahead of Broad Beam (David Hood, right) and A Lad Insane (Ian Lawrence) in the Bucktail Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase at Ascot yesterday. Racing, pages 54-55

Racehorse drops in at public house

his first race in the Whixley Novices' Hurdle at Wetherby yesterday, ran off the course and ended up in the Swan and Talbot public house in the rillage of Wetherby.

The six-year-old, ridden by fand on the grass verge Graham Bradley, was in the feet from the AI where to lead until failing to negotiate was going up and down."

the bottom bend where he jumped the perimeter fence, throwing his jockey.

Peter Calver, the gelding's trainer, said: "I can't understand what made him do it. I Bradley, who like Gospel Rock escaped unscathed, said: "The horse was very green and

just bolted. I was very lucky to land on the grass verge just feet from the A1 where traffic

have hunted him several times and he has shown no signs of waywardness. He has no more than a few cuts which is barbed wire and went through

Wetherby over the years. "I didn't want to run him there." Calver said, "It's an excellent course, but the last borse I sent there for the owner, Lord Zetland, was Beiderbecke, He fell at the first fence and broke

RE-ROOFING?

guson said: "We are such an a match both want to win for inspirational club that last Rovers. MP seeks register for playing fields

immediately to begin setting land, insensitive planning and up a register of every piece of lack of awareness all contribrecreational playing space was used to the growing threat ot made in a Commons adjourn- outdoor recreational spaces. ment debate by Kate Hoey, Too many playing fields Labour MP for Vauxhall, and playgrounds were deteriwhen she voiced worries orating or disappearing. "We about what she called a "cri- all know that there is a crisis sis" in sport and recreation, but the scale especially in London. especially in London.

She was told by Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, that he hoped that bodies associated with sport and recreation would soon set up such a register themselves.

and a physical education ex- Council, the National Playing pert, and one-time education Fields Association and the officer at Arsenal, asserted Central Council for Physical

A call to the Government commercial exploitation of

Hoey wanted every planning authority to have a statutory responsibility to maintain a recreational playing space register.

Moynihan thought that it would be better if a register Miss Hoey, a former athlete were to be set up by the Sports

Francisco shows resilience

By Steve Acteson

Silvino Francisco recovered from the brink of being 4-0 down against Warren King in their Mercantile Credit Classic snooker semi-final, to lead 5-3, in Blackpool yesterday. Francisco, of South Africa, had shown great resilience after King, of Australia, had led 3-0 but then resilience has had part of Francisco's make-

Since winning the British Open in 1985 his career and lifestyle have been blighted by a series of events. After beating Kirk Stevens, of Canada, in that final he later accused Stevens of being "as high as a

former chairmen of the World 23rd in the world rankings. Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), led to an out-ofcourt libel settlement for an

undisclosed amount. But at last season's Benson and Hedges Masters he was again embroiled in controversy when allegations were made of betting irregularities after he had lost 5-1 10 Terry Griffiths.

The WPRSA and the Betting Offices Licensees' Association put the matter in the hands of the police but no evidence to substantiate the allegations has been found.

Yesterday, however, Fran-Later remarks made about cisco was able to concentrate francisco on television by purely on socoker, having Same S Francisco (SA) teach W (Ong (Aug.) 5-2. The state of the same of W Jones (Wan) 5-2.

King laced together a break of 72 to win the opening frame and then cleared with 40 for a 2-0 advantage. Francisco needing three snookers on the green in the third frame, gained two and then four points when King sank the cue ball. But the frame eluded Francisco as it seemed would the fourth when King cleared to pink only to miss the black.

tie the scores at 48 points apiece and then sank a respotted black for his first success. He won the next four frames to need one to reach

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Great Britons rally round Richmond

By a Special Correspondent Professional skaters and ceaches are to begin a cam-

MAN THE STATE OF T paign to save Britain's most es ice rink. The Richmend Ice Rink Preservation Society, which meets for the first time today, will call on the support of Britain's greatest Skaters, John Carry, Robin Consins, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean.

The rink, which has been operating for 60 years, has produced many champions, Cotably Curry, the 1976 Olym-Dic gold medal winner. It also stages the biggest skating event in Britain, the Skate Pleciric UK International

Richmond is home to 19 professional coaches, more than any other British ice rink, the Aldwych Speed Club and the Royal Skating Club, which is the oldest in the world. The skating fraternity was

be demolished, but it had been assumed that a new one would be built to replace it. Richmond Ice Rink is owned

by the property developers, London and Edinburgh Trust (LET), who want to build 250 homes on the site. Richmond-upon-Thames

Borough Council, which is controlled by the Liberal-Democrats, permitted LET to produce a plan which would allow this to go ahead, but only if LET built a new ice rink and recreational facility within the borough. By May last year LET had drawn up plans for a £22.5 million sports complex. But the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Chib lies next to the proposed development site.

it, thus blocking the scheme.

council and LET which gave the council until December 29 to solve this problem. The council could not do so, enabling LET to pay £2.5 million in compensation and build the 250 homes on the site of the old rink without building a replacement. It is estimated that the rink will be demoi-

"We are losing a major sporting facility and part of our heritage," Duncan Crockford, the marketing manager of Richmond Ice Rink, said. Tim Razzell, the deputy leader of Richmond council,

ished within 18 months.

said: "We would obviously have preferred the £22.5 million development, but we are The club part-owned the road pleased that we have secured leading to the site and refused the second-best alternative to allow the developers to use \$2.5 million in compensation." The council has been In October a new agreement criticized by political oppo-

LET was already trying to because it has been part of our convene public inquiries so skating heritage, that it could go ahead and "So many cha knock down the ice rink without any strings attached. "We were advised that we would lese the case. LET would have gone ahead and we would have received nothing," Peter Bradley, the spokes-

man for LET, said the developers were looking for other sites for the rink but not within Richmond. He said: "We are under no obligation to find a replacement, but it is saying something for LET that we are actively looking for one."

The threat to the rink prompted several personalities

"So many champions, foreign as well as British, have come from Richmond through Arnold Gerschwiler, who

trained John Carry before he

went to the United States."

nests but Razzall said that the Richmond risk disappear

Betty Callaway, the trainer of Torvill and Dean, said: "Even foreigners are sad to bear it may close. I had the privilege of teaching Princess Anne there for three seasons and Prince Charles and Prince Andrew for shorter periods. It is something special, with so much history and tradition, an

Roy Lee, who has been ceaching at the rink for 3. from the world of skating to years, and who is leading the attempt to save it, said: "I can comment. Courtney Jones, the president of the National Skating Association and forunderstand this place coming down, but a new rink has got to mer world ice dance champion, said : "It would be sad to see

institution, really.

Rangers unlikely to concede ground

By Roddy Forsyth

The impact of the outcome of the last half dozen premier division fixture cards has been to cushion Rangers' leadership to the point where it cannot be overtaken for at least three weeks, and then only if the defending champions should lose their subsequent two league fixtures, which are divided by a Scottish Cup tie at home to St

Mirren next Saturday.
The chances of Rangers conceding ground to their championship rivals today seems remote, since the vistors are the bottom team. Dundee, whose hopes of avoiding relegation appear to depend on the sudden loss of form of Dunfermline, who are scheduled to play Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

Rangers, having beaten Celtic and Aberdeen in their previous two outings are, of course, appropriately confident and although they have named a 15strong squad which included Scott Nisbet and Neale Cooper, it is unlikely that the starting line-up will be altered materially, which means places on the bench for Davie Dodds and teenage full back Chris

Dundee must count, on paper at least, as Rangers' most frail opponents for some time, but although the Dens Park team is obliged to admit to the poorest defensive record in the top division, they have drawn com-fort this week from the fact that they were able to draw 2-2 on their previous outing to Ibrox.

Aberdeen bave had not been short of opportunity to reflect on the capricious nature of football. They led the league for a few days before Christmas. only to discover that their glowing horizons were about to be shrouded in drizzle. A home defeat by Hibernian on Boxing Day saw them lose their goal-keeper Theo Snelders, midfield

player Jim Bett and striker Hans Gillhaus through injury. Their lively young full back Dave Robertson promptly broke a bone in his foot during training, and the disruption at was reflected in a 2-2 draw with Motherwell and last week's defeat by Rangers at Ibrox. Today, at least, the Aberdeen manager Alex Smith knows he can accompdate Bett and Neil Simpson in the centre of the field, while Gillhaus has

an evens chance of playing against Dunfermline, The Fifers, meanwhile, are reeling from an unexpected pair of defeats. They fell to St Mirren in midweek and were mauled by Motherwell last Saturday in fixtures which suggested that

their early season promise has

largely evaporated. Celuc must begin life without their long serving captain Roy Aitken when they travel to Tannadice, a notoriously barren venue for the Glasgow club. Paul McStay will succeed to the position of captain to lead the eam out against Dundee United, and there may be places disaffected midfield player Peter Grant. The rumblings amongst the Celtic supporters have been relatively muted in recent weeks but a further setback today is likely to provoke some degree of open disenchantment.

FA want Gunn explanation

The Football Association has ordered the Norwich goal-keeper, Bryan Gunn, to explain comments he made about the "Highbury brawl" at the end of their 4-3 defeat against Arsenal. Gunn decided not to request a

personal hearing when the FA charged him with bringing the game into disrepute, following his comments in a daily news-paper two days after the incident in November.

But he has now been called to appear before the FA at their Lancaster Gate beadquarters on

Atkinson confident he can still work magic trick or two

ings, the butt of much humour

be on the whole quite prudent.

scores. There are few marks-

men in the country who move more quickly for the kill.

While the value of John

Sheridan, the unwanted mid-

field player momentarily of Nottingham Forest, is best

gauged by the seven league

goals which David Hirst has

scored only since the arrival of

the £500,000 Republic of Ire-

For £370,000 Atkinson esti-

mated that he had signed as

good a full back as he had ever

seen in Roland Nielsen, an experienced Swedish inter-

Never happier than when he

Atkinson has moved ten play-

ers out and ten players in since

he joined the club on St Valentine's Day last year.

After a brief unhappy

wheeling and dealing,

national from Gothenburg.

land international.

The fee of £450,000 paid for

all the way after leaving a club like Manchester United but for Ron Atkinson life is a roller coaster ride which swings him back into the public eye once more tomor-row when his Sheffield Wednesday team, one of the most improved in the country. will attempt to show against Chelsea at Hillsborough that Big Ron has not lost his touch.

A couple of months ago you could not have got odds on the two Sheffield clubs trading places next season. Wednesday, with one point from their first five games, appeared to be making a record attempt on the fastest relegation from the first division in living memory, while United were heading in the opposite direction with a speed not seen since Dave Bassett went up and at em with Wimbledon.

We just couldn't get out of the blocks. I had bought some real quality players in the summer but the team just did not gel. I wasn't over-surprised though. It is a young side and we had made a lot of changes" Atkinson said.

He recalled that it was just one of those inexplicable spells that teams go through. seem to remember that Lenny Lawrence at Charlton was the first manager of the month," he said.

Atkinson has not lost his sense of humour during three largely unsuccessful years after leaving United.

When Wednesday met Manchester City under the first sight for the Wednesday stewardship of Howard Ken-

For most people it is downhill Bilbao. Atkinson, no stranger ment, pulled the club away all the way after leaving a club himself to Spain, began his from the tragedy of Hillspress conference in passable borough and clear of rel-Atkinson, though, is not

Eight goals against Alder-shot in the Littlewoods Cup everyone's cup of sangria. What seemed like an idyllic had been an encouraging sign of Wednesday's potential durmove for Atkinson, a devoted sun worshipper, to Atletico Madrid at the end of 1988, for a reputed £525,000 two-year ing those early bleak months. After one or two scathing attacks of his own on the contract turned out to be a team, things slowly got better and Atkinson's transfer dealreign in Spain lasting less than Eustace's at Hillsborough. That was another battle which over the years, again proved to Atkinson claimed that he was winning following a recent judgment in his favour over his namesake from Ipswich Town looks cheaper with ev-ery goal that Dalian Atkinson compensation in Spanish

West Bromwich Albion, who also sought compensation from the Spaniards. might also claim to have become disenchanged with Atkinson who twice left them for richer pastures. Atkinson still has Albion's

interests at heart and is annoyed to see the promotion drive, which he helped Brian Talbot begin, come to a grinding halt this season through lack of the sort of ambition which his own Wednesday board has finally

Providing Wednesday can keep pace with Atkinson's confidence, there is no telling where their recent revival will lead them. Alex Ferguson, At-kinson's unsuccessful successor at Old Trafford, has often stated this season that he must be a better manager because he is three years older and wiser than when he arrived at relationship with Peter Old Trafford. But when Atkin-Eustace, it was almost love at son was asked if he thought he was any better for his recent players, who, responding to experiences, he replied: "No, I Atkinson's style of manage- always thought I was good."

Heaton teams up with Kendall

Howard Kendall, the manager of Manchester City, will continue his restructuring programme next week by appointing Mick Heaton, the former Everton coach, as his assistant (Ian Ross

officer with Blackburn Rovers, has enjoyed a lengthy and successful association with Ken-

First division

Charlton v A Villa

Despite the fact that Pates, the captain and central defender, is available after a hamstring injury, Chariton are expected to

rutain the side which beat Bradford 3-0 in midweek. Gray could replace Williams for Villa, while Blake rejoins the squad.

Coventry v C Palace

Regis is recalled by Coventry, who demote McDonald to

Liverpool v Luton

OPR v Norwich

bench. Norwich are also

Liverpool field the side which beat Swansea 8-0 in midweek

Donaghy, on loan from Manchester United, returns to the

Luton defence while Nogan and Gray, two reserve forwards, are promoted to the senior squad.

QPR are expected to be unaltered with Clarke, Channing, and Wright competing for the vacancies on the substitutes.

professional footballer in Eng-

land, is 96 tomorrow, a birth-

day he will celebrate as a guest

of his former club, Sunderland,

as they visit Middlesbrough.

Arthur Appleton describes a

career spent in a different age

playing. Playing was hard. I was flagging in the last 10 minutes."
George Holiey, capped for England 10 times prior to the First World War, was the coach.

"Billy never forgave George for saying he was fit to play in the

1913 FA Cup Final against villa. To give myself a breather,

George told me, if I could, to kick the ball over the stand.

Once when I had been making some poor passes he got on to me at half-time, and I told him that

Charlie was confusing me, as

every time I was going to pass the ball he would shout some-

cotton wool in your ears, and if

he says anything, say you are

"George mede Ernie England

wear a skipper on his good right

who bemos McDonard to substitute. Gray is suspended, so Thomas starts in the Palace midfield. Dennis (knee) is absent and McGoldrick (harnstring) doubtful, so O'Reilly and Salako are poised to deputise. Burke is included in the served.

dall during the last 12 years.-He acted as first team coach during Kendall's time at Black-burn and moved with him to Everton in 1981 when he played an important part in the Merseyside club's revival.

Following Kendall's departure to Athletic Bilbao in Jane 1987, Heaton took over as the man-ager of non-League Workington

Robson (groin) misses his fifth consecutive match for United, who are also still without ince and Wallace (both hemstring). Blades (anide) is doubtful for Derby.

With Pearce having recovered from bruised ribs, Forest are unchanged. Home (groin) is still sidelined, so Branagan continues in

Southampton v Everton

Southampton retain the same learn for the lifth successive time

Everton are again without

defence. Cottee, put on the transfer-list last week, is

Watson (hamstring), so Keown continues in the heart of the

Wimbledon v Arsenal

and poised to return for

Wimbledon deter selection. Smith and Winterburn are fit again

Arsenal, who add Caesar to the

Nottm Forest v Milly

Man Utd v Derby

Heaton will be the fourth former Everton employee to be taken on to the City staff since Kendall's appoints Hereford United have decided

upon a 1pm kick-off for their fourth round FA Cup match with Manchester United at Edgar Street on Sunday, January 28.

Second division

goal. Gayle (ankle) is missing. Chapman, a £400,000 midweek

Ipswich are unchanged with Lowe, fit again after a knee operation, a substitute. Unite give late fitness tests to Deane Agana and Booker. Tomorrow

First division Tottenham v Man City Tottenham recall Thorsvert in place of Mimms in goal. Van den Hauwe, recovered from a hamstring pull, also returns at full back. Clarke, City's recent signing from Leicester, could make his debut in attack.

Second division

Hardyman replaces Lynch in

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Blackburn v Leeds Rovers choose between Gennoe, struggling to shrug off a knee injury, and Marriott, on loan from Nottingham Forest, in eigning from Nottingham Forest, makes his debut in attack for Leeds, where he will partner Davison, fit again after a seven

Ipswich v Sheff Utd

Sheff Wed v Chelsea Chelsea welcome back Dorigo, recovered from an ankle injury, at left back. Citys Wilson and McAllister are also included in the squad. Wednesday are likely to

Middlesbro v Sunderland

Boro are unchanged. Bennett (knee) faces a late fitness test for

Reflections of a life in football Joe Kasher, the oldest former

When Joe Kasher was signed by Sunderland in May 1919 the club did not want him on the wages book until August. He stopped going down Brancepeth pit that day.

He started his new career on £5 per week, £6 when in the first team, plus £1 for a draw or £2 for team, plas £1 for a draw or £2 for a win which, he recalls, was "good money in 1919," and shared digs with two other players, paying 27s.6d per week. The captain was Charlie Buchan. "Big Charlie. He had more brains in his little finger than the rest of us not tenether." than the rest of us put together."

Kasher made his debut, at centre half, away to Arsenal on September 20, 1919. Billy Williams, the trainer, made him take his first sip of whisky before he went out, and told Buchan to see that he got a feel of the ball during the warm-up.

"When we were away Billy would give as a powder before we went to sleep. He would give it you in bed. Good for the bowels. The goalkeeper and the reserve would sleep together; the two backs: the two wing halves; the inside and outside right; the inside and outside left and the centre half and centre forward. So I used to sleep with Big Charlie. Sometimes single beds. Sometimes we shared a big

"Frank Cusey was a bad sleeper and Jack Poole used to complain about him reading Thomson's Weekly News into the early hours. At Roker Park, Billy would stand at the door holding his watch to check we were in before 10 and we had to be properly dressed coller and tie and wearing a trilby or a cap. Once I put my shirt on back to front, and he wouldn't let me put it right - he was superstitious. "I was always trying to put weight on. I was only 10 stone. I

would put a stone on during the

would lose it when we started

Billy liked that. But I

foot so he would have to practice his left, and Ernie was left back for years with Warney Cresswell right. Billy was in charge of the dressing room. He used to order players out if they came in smoking, even a pipe. Bob Kyle, the manager, paid out the wages on Mondays. When you knoc-ked at the door, he would shout: Come in the next best player," and when you were leaving he would say: "Send in the next best player.

"The most difficult centre forward I was ever up against was W. T. Roberts of Preston, Tall, broad. He bothered me most. And 63,000 was the biggest crowd I played to, at Newcastle. The Sunderland team went through in taxis. We

A defeat which still rankles is that to Liverpool at Roker on the last Saturday of the 1919-20 season. "It lost as £10 place money. We finished fifth and only got £5." In October 1922 Kasher went

to Stoke City and later captained Accrington Stanley.

In the 1905-06 season he saw Bishop Auckland play Wolves in the "English" Cup, and in 1907 saw his first Football League match, Sunderland v Middlesbrough. He can still name the Middlesbrough side, which included Steve Bloomer. He considers an international trial match which he saw at Roker Park in 1914. England v The North, to be the best game

In 1915 he played in the FA Cup, for Willington, his home town, against Scarborough. That year he joined the Naval Division and in 1917, in an attack which was led beyond their objective by an officer swigging a bottle of cognac, he was taken prisoner while breaking into a dummy trench. The officer was among those killed.

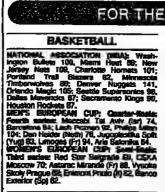
In Germany, he lived off boiled acorus, black bread, cabbage water, sauerkraut and, once a week, beetroot jam. When they were moved to The Netherlands they were let out without guards to watch football matches.

He was back working down the pit early in 1919 and was playing for Crook Town when he npressed Sudnerland, Kasher. a tall, thin man with a throaty roice, who wears laced-up boots and two or three pullovers, lives at his niece's home in Acklam, Middlesbrough.

Talking to him there or in the pub. where he has two pints of strong ale before lunch, it is as if there is nothing memorable after



Kasher: defeat by Liverpool and the loss of £10 place money still rankles



CRICKET DUBBOL Sydney Tour Burst: New South Wrates Country Districts XI 153 for 9 (55 overs): England Young Cricketers 154 for 2 (42.5 overs) († Raction 65 not out). England Young Cricketers won by 8 wickets.

ICE HOCKEY NATEMAL LEAGHE (NEL): Books Bruns 3. Gueber Nordigues 1: Chicago Black Hawks 5. Philatolphis Piyers 4: New York Islanders 8. Minneada North Stars 4: Calgary Flames 5, Buffelo Sabres 3: Edmonton Ollers 3, Los Mingelias (Ding 3).

RACKETS SCHOOLS MATCH: Rugby School bt Mark-borough College. A Cade and if Transas be we Thorp and S Gidcomet, 8-15, 7-14, 8-15, 15-11, 15-10, 1-15, 15-11.

RUGBY LEAGUE SLALON LAGER ALLIANCE: Keighley 8, Rochdele Hornes: 34.

A jump into the future



Championship style: Graham Fletcher demonstrates a point to his show jumping class on the first day of the British Horse and Rider Show at Wembley Exhibition Centre yesterday

SPORT IN BRIEF

Fatality road gets all clear

The Road Time Trials Council (RTTC) is to continue to use the A38 between Birmingham and Derby for cycling events, despite the death of a cyclist there last

July.

The RTTC plans to stage 12 events on the K17 course, most of which runs along the road, during this year, but will limit its use to before 7em on Sundays, when traffic is lightest.

Felicity Beard, aged 36, died after being struck by a lorry during an event on the A38, and in December, after the inquest, Charles Kelly, the Chief Con-stable of Staffordshire, urged cyclists not to use the road. esterday a spokesman for Staffordshire police said: "As long as the RTTC comply with the regulations, the police can't stop the trials, although we are satisfied they are doing all they

Nabisco pulls out New York (AP) - RJR-Nabisco is to end its sponsorship, worth approximately \$5.5 million (about £3.3 million), of the US PGA goif Tour at the end of the season. Their support, the largest commercial sponsorship on the Tour, included backing of Nabisco championship, the \$2,500,000 end-of-season jamboree at which the top 30 players on the US Tour

Hockey clubs ban The Hockey Association yesterday suspended 55 minor league clubs for failing to play a total of £7,000 in affiliation fees.

Romania to row

participate.

Romanian women rowers, who won medals in five events at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and repeated that success at in the 1989 World Championships. will complete in the Goodwill 20 to August 5 in Scattle.

Belanov arrested Igor Belanov, the Soviet international forward and former European Footballer of Year, has been arrested by West German police on suspicion of shoplifting

Monchengladbach. Belanov. who joined the local first division club Borussia this season, was one of four Soviets, two men and two women, arrested. Ovett report due

The report of an inquiry into allegations by Steve Ovett that he was offered money to run in AAA Championships at Birmingham last season will be published next Friday.

SQUASH RACKETS

Australian ground down by Keith By Colin McQuillan

Colin Keith, of Scotland, achieved the most important win of his career in the first round of the Snauwert Young Masters invitation event at Dunnings Mill, East Grinstead. He defeated Rodney Eyles of Australia, the world No. 12, 9-1, 9-1, 7-1 in just half an hour.

"I knew if he was still be was still the was still and the club with the still should."

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9-3. 9-7 in just half an hour.
Then Keith, aged 21, ranked
No. 2 on the Scottish list but
only 89th in the world, went off philosophically to play snooker with his friends among the England juniors, who had also experienced a field day against higher-ranked seniors. He knew little would be changed by the

result beyond Dunnings Mill.
Keith said: "Rodney is the first string for my national league side, Village Leisure Hotels, in Manchester. I cannot even make the team. We have Geoff Williams playing at fifth string. The next merit order will not be published for months, by which time Rodney will have put together enough wins to bury this result."

Eyles arrived back in Manchester from Brisbane last week while his luggage, including racquets and court shoes, travelled to an unknown Oantas destination. He lost in Tuesday's league match against Lambs club, playing with one of Williams' racquets, and he lost to Keith playing with another borrowed racquet and wearing

someone else's shoes. "It was just one of those

CYCLING Baker takes break after title triumph

By Peter Bryan

While Britain's four-strong team for the world amateur cyclocross championship next month compete in a special handicap event at Birmingham tomor row, David Baker, the new professional title-holder, is tak ing a week of comparative rest from competition.

Baker has trained every dathis week since dethroning Steve Douce at Sutton Coldfield, although "not as hard as I generally do". He combines cyclo-cross with a full road racing season, and rarely has a holiday. Next week, he and another

world rider, Fred Salmon, return to Switzerland to put the finishing touches to their preparation for the title race near Bilbao on February 4.

Neither has seen the course in

FOR THE RECORD FOOTBALL

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SQUASH RACKETS ITS PREMIER LEAGUE: Second d Fossers Stripes (London) 5, Rive (Gloucester) 0; Reclets (Esse Exeter (Devon) 3, Glenbrun Bro 2, Lingfield (Surrey) 3. TABLE TENNIS

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borrowing equipment in Dunnings Mill I could best him with a strong patient game. But next week I will be back to watching him again." Eyles was third seed for the

Snauwaert event. He was joined on the sidelines by the No. 2 seed, Del Harris, who contracted influenza, the fourth-seeded, Paul Gregory, who lost in lacklustre style to Simon Parke, and the seventh-seeded Ahmed Taher, who loss to Peter

Adam Schreiber, of Australia, and Tayyab Habib, of Pakistan, simply failed to appear at Dunnings Mill and will face disciplinary charges. Only Mir Zaman Gul of Pakistan, the favourite, and the

Englishmen, Mark Cairns, Chris Walker and Danny Meddings carried the seedings into the second round. second round.

RESULTE Firm made Mr Zaman Cut
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More rocks showing through

a fight to make the cut

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From Patricia Davies, Tecson

Sandy Lyle faced the second round of the Tucson Open today a darmting eleven shots behind Par McGowan, the mespecial leader, who shot a course record of 62, 10 under par.

However, it was not McGowan, 125th on the money list last season and, in his 13th a win, that Lyle was worrying about. It was making the cut. Seventy players, and those tying for 70th place, will enter the last two rounds but the former Open and US Masters champion was languishing in the huddreds.

All was not doom and despondency, however, because Lyie's 73 was at the Todrussons Players' Club at StarPass while McGowan's score was made at Randolph North, a far easier course for the professionals and the leaster abuilted, more restrictedly a par 68 than a 72. There was no wind and McGowan described the course as "defenceless" Laura Davies shot a 63 there

Laura Davies shot a 63 there two years ago on her way to winning the women's Tucson Open and it is relatively wide open and trouble-five. "They'll eat it up," is how one spectator ammed it up and he was not he wrong. Of the best 21 scores, is were made at Pandolph.

There is none of the cacumdotted scrub that makes StarPass so picturesque, although that is not the word the players use when they find their bill nealing against the base of a lofty Saguaro cacus, with several more between them and the

Lyle, who was three over parafter 10 holes, but then had three birdies, including one at

three birdies, including one at the last, found it difficult to indge how far his shore would travel in the clear deart air. He was happy enough with his striking, though, and said most of his problems were on the LEADING FIRST-BOUND SCORE unless stated; St. P. McGowan. Harsmand, A Magee, S. Eldonton (/ Stmpson, P. Gesnez, St. J. Ha. Burroughts, R. Fehr, R. Wienes, D. Am Triplett, British: File A Lyle.

BOWLS

Walsham get a chance to avenge defeat By Gordon Allan

For the second consecutive year North Walsham and Ipswich meet in the fifth round of the Anglia Secure Homes club championship today. Last year championship today. Last your Ipswich won 86-74. Don Wardley's rink account so heavily that North Walsham's wins on the other three rinks

semi-finals, where they lost by a single abot to the eventual champions, Bristol. Adrian Wy-att's rink survives intact from that match, but there have been adjustments elsewhere, with Glean Clouting playing No. 3 to Wardley and Keivin Earthroli skipping one of the away rinks. Preston (Brighton), the only other club in the last 16 to have reached this stage in 1989, play Victory (Portsmouth). City of Victory (Fortsmona). Cay of Ely and Torbay, both past winners, have potentially awk-ward matches with Ragby Thorafield and Moonfleet.

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Pakistan did, they would have been well pleased. Akram was

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slip an hour after tea, Austra-

lia were 149 for six and in

more trouble than they ever

were in 1989. Of the runs

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There was little driving and

no hooking, the pitch being too slow for one and the

bowling not short enough for the other. The crowd (17,989)

was critically low for the first day of a Melbourne Test. The

trams are on strike - and by

Monday, in all probability, the trains and the buses will be,

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go for soft option It is not only in England that another seven overs. Instead the ball moves about off the seam. It did so enough here yesterday, even in glorious weather, for Australia to find runs hard to come by when they and Pakistan began their three-Test series. After being put in Australia scored 198 for six from 83 overs, and Pakistan dropped as many catches as they held.

The fact that Pakistan's two leg spinners were absentees -Oadir being on his way back to Pakistan and Mushtaq Ahmed having yet to arrive in Australia - made no difference. They were not needed.

On a pitch that was well grassed without being green, Pakistan's four faster bowlers were in their element, anyway until they tired towards the end; and when that happened Australia, to Pakistan's obvious relief, chose to end play for the day.

It is in the playing conditions here that if, at 6pm, 90 overs have not been bowled, the batting side decides whether of not to carry on until they have. When 6pm came yesterday, the sun still high in the sky, Pakistan, for the first time, were on the run, with Sleep and Healy, Australia's seventh-wicket pair,

Had they been so minded.

Adelaide (Reuter) - The Sri Lankans, with almost a month

before the next international

fixture of their tour, managed to recover from the embarran-ment of being bowled out for 103 on Thursday by the Austra-lian Cricket Academy to draw

the two-day match yesterday.

The Academy extended their

overnight score of 162 for four to 348, a lead of 245. White

compiled an impressive 84 in 242 minutes, sharing a fifth-

they hurried off. In other words, they did exactly what Englishmen are inclined to say Australians would never do: they settled for the soft option.

Australians belie

reputation and

Until those last few overs. when Sleep and Healy were wresting the initiative, the ball had constantly beaten the bat. The older it became, the more it did so. With Taylor being dropped at second slip when he was two - a real percher to Miandad off Akram - and Marsh in the gully, it was, in fact, mid-afternoon before Australia lost a wicket, by when the score was 90.

Half an hour later, Australia were 98 for four, Boon and Jones both having been out first ball, Boon leg-before playing no stroke to Akram and Jones caught at the wicket on the front foot to Imran. Thus Akram and Imran

each had the chance of a notable hat-trick. Having removed Marsh and Boon with successive balls, Akram, with his next ball, beat Border all ends up. Imran's would have comprised Taylor, who pulled a long hop to mid-on, Jones and Waugh, and it was with difficulty that Waugh fended off his first ball.

With Jones's wicket, his 356th in Test cricket, Imran moved ahead of Lillee and Australia could have had into fourth place in the all-Sri Lankans save face

innings before the captains agreed to end play an bour early.

AUSTRALIA: Pirst Innings
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Extras (b 9, nb 7) wicket partnership of 115 in 126 minutes with Williams. With the pitch playing more comfortably than it had the previous day, the Sri Lankans made 117 for one in their second Total (6 wids)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-90, 2-90, 3-98, 4-98, 5-131, 6-148. PAKISTAI: Asmer Malk, Shoeb Mo-hammad, Mansoor Akhtar, Javed Mian-dad, Ijaz Ahmed, "Imran Khan, †Salim Yousul, Wasiin Akram, Tauseef Ahmed, Wanner Yourus, Angh, Isaade



Akram, Pakistan's opening bowler, chalks up the wicket of Border, the Australian captain

Open, should have done so

again. He was required to save 12 break points in the second set

after losing the first. But Sampras tired and Wilander

BREN'S SINGLES: Querter-finals: A Knokstein (US) bt D Wheston (US), 6-1, 7-8: M Witander (Swe) bt P Sampras (US), 6-7, 7-4, 6-0; C-U Steeb (WG) bt B Becker (WG), 7-6, 6-3; Y Nosh (Fr) bt I Landi (C2),

won 6-7, 7-5, 6-0.

ATHLETICS

that elusive gold

From David Powell, Athletics Correspondent, Sydney

John Regis once described himself as the world champion at 198% metres. In less than two strides of the 200 metres in Rome in 1987, he conceded not only gold but silver as well.

Regis, though, will be reforming in his main event. "I'm hoping to be given a close race, just to get the feel of distance again. I haven't run a 200 metres since the end of last account to the control of the control If, like Pasarell, for his Wimbledon defeat by Gonzales, and North Korea, for their World Cup capitulation against Portugal, Regis is not always to be remembered for glorious failure, he must pan sold from one of the big four

hampionships.
In just over a formight's time. he will have his best chance. The Commonwealth Games, with no Americans, French or de Silve of Brazil to worry about leave Regis with an outstanding opportunity for success. Even Linford Christie, the British record-holder who failed to qualify, has been removed.

qualify, has been removed.

"I feel John will do well here. In fact, I expect him to win," John isaacs, Regis's coach, said yesterday. Having convinced his coach, Regis tomorrow sets about persuading the 10,000 spectators expected at the Sydney Athletic Field for the MBF Commonwealth Challenge.

The New South Wales AAA would have us believe that this

would have us believe that this will be another exercise in Australia flexing its sporting muscle on England. "For the first time in Australia we have a match against the old enemy, and we feel we are going to roll them," Maurie Plant, their spokesman, said. The state of the s

England, though, have not been goaded into taking the match seriously. John Jeffery, the team manager, said: "That's not the point of the meeting." That's a coming here was to The idea of coming here was to prepare for the Commonwealth Games. We didn't select a team; we talked to the athletes and asked them what they wanted to do for their build-up, Some have opted not to do their main event, others not to compete at

season; I want reassurance that ! feel comfortable at it," he said. The first British winner of a world indoor title, at Budapest last year, he knows the reality of what counts to the public. Like his cousin. Cyrille Regis, the Coventry City footballer, he has learned from the principle that it's not what you do in the Wembley five-a-sides that mat-

ters but what happens on the big pitch outside. If Regis has much to make up after his last Commonwealth arter his last Commonwealth Games — "My worst race, the euphoria of getting to the final threw me" — so, too, has Christie. Four years ago in Edinburgh, he finished second to Ben Johnson who, at the Canadian drugs inquiry last year, admitted to taking steroids since the early 1980s. Christie since the early 1980s. Christie flexes his muscles in the 100 metres tomorrow when he faces Tim Jackson, the young Austra-lian of whom much is expected.

Fatima Whithread, who underwent a shoulder operation in May, has her first international javelin competition since the Seoul Olympics. If anyone is capable of challenging Whitbread and her British rival, Tessa Sanderson, in Auckland, it will be Sue Howland, of Australia, who competes against the world champion tomorrow. Tom McKean has withdrawn from the 800 metres, in which he was to have raced Sebastian Coe. A cold was the reason given, but nobody said whether it was head or feet. Either way, only the Kenyans, who are predicting a 1-2-3 for themselves, stand to gain from the breakdown of a match which would not so much have warmed them up for Auckland as made them oven fresh.

HOCKEY

Havant seek revenge for semi-final defeat

By Sydney Friskin

Havant, who were beaten 1-0 in the indoor qualifying tour-the semi-finals of the Nation nament. Pappan, their goalthe semi-finals of the Nationwide Anglia Cup by Bremley last season, have a chance to avenge that defeat when the teams meet tomorrow at Orpington in one of three postponed fifth-round matches.

Havant have beaten Bromley 40 in the national league this season but cup fervour has since stirred Bromley to nobler deeds. particularly in the third round, in which they defeated Slough 3-2, with Richards scoring all three of his side's goals from short corners.

Homslow, who beat Bromley 2-t in the cup final last season, can expect strong opposition at Solithal from Stourport, whose main hope in attack is Imran Sharwani.

Welsh international, Hacker, who has been suspended for 60

keeper, has recovered from a his shoulder injury but will spend the afternoon on the bench. Southgate, the winners of the

Los Reyes tournament at Barcelona, have Batchelor and Kerly back in the side for their away match against Cambridge City.
Duthie has a knee injury which
may keep him out of the match and it is almost certain that Spray, who is still unfit, will not

St Albans, the national cham-pions, and East Grinstead begin their challenge today in the Glepfiddich indoor international tournament at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow.

In the same pool as St Albans Sharwani.

Hounslow will be without the Welsh international, Hacker, who has been suspended for 60 days by the club after receiving an adverse report on his conduct last Sunday at Swindon during In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Metable In the same pool as St Albans are Murray International Internation TENNIS

Regis is ready for | Lendl and Becker beaten

Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker, who were expected to meet in the final of the New South Wales Open, were instead de-feated at the quarter-final stage yesterday. Lendi lost 6-1, 6-4 to the

powerful serving of Yannick Noah, who now plays Aaron Krickstein, the champion. Becker was beaten 7-6, 6-3 by his Davis Cup colleague, Carl-Uwe Steeb, who now plays Mats

Becker was the first to go, and there was a distinct feeling that he was ready to do so with his mind already leaning towards the Australian Open in Melbourne next week. He did nothing to dispel that im-

nothing to dispel that impression at the post mortem.
"Obviously, I've my mind set on next week. It's not easy for me to get going because I like to keep a little bit for then," Becker said. "I'm happy to have played three matches, but now I have two or three days' rest until the test of the Orter.

Connell takes Chesnokov to edge of defeat

Auckland (Reuter) - The No. 1 seed, Andrei No. 1 seed, Andrei Chesnokov, of the Soviet Union, battled against strong winds to beat the Canadian, Grant Connell, in the quarterfinals of the \$150,000 (£90,000) New Zealand Open on Friday. Chesnokov meets the Israeli, Amos Mansdorf, in the semi-finals.

Connell, a left-hander, won the first set 6-2 against Chesnokov with brilliant attacking tennis. In the second set Connell chased every service and voiley, and lead 3-1 with a break point for the fifth

Ramesh Krishnan, of India, beat Magnus Gustaffson, of Sweden, after the first set went

to a tiebreak. To a Bern Land A. A. Marschoff (Icr) bt .I. Arles (US), 6-3, 7-6; S Devis (US) bt S Guy (NZ), 6-3, 7-6; R Krishnan (India) bt M Gustatson (Swe), 7-6, 8-2; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt G Connell (Can), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. "The other players who do well bere play until Sunday, and then have only a day off before don and going to No. I.

playing again in a more important event. That's very bad."

It was the first time Becker which troubled Lendl the most as he had little time to German since be began playing on the professional tour. Steeb, who is ranked a respectable 16th seed threw away the ninth game of the second set, after breaking back for 4-4, left one thinking he, 100, had achieved all he in the world, worked hard for his victory. His excellent lobs, wanted in Sydney.
Wilander, who lost to Pete
Sampras at the United States

and two crucial errors by Becker in the tie-break, paved the way.

"He was making better shots on the important points, es-pecially in the tie-break." Becker said. "He made a couple of very good lobs and, once he won that,

he was playing with confidence.
"I have to hand it to him; he olayed a very good match. He didn't really make any easy mistakes, and I had to work hard on every point."
Noah is like a man reborn,

inspired by his new coach, Dennis Raiston, After talk in November that he would retire

(WG), 7-6, 6-3; Y Noah (Fr) bit Land (C2), 8-1 6-4. Wiesner (Austria) bit C Porwik (WG), 6-3, 4-8, 6-3; N 2 Vereva (USSR) bit J Halard (Fr), 4-6, 8-2, 8-4; B Paulus (Austria) bit R Zhizhakova (C2), 6-2 8-1; A Frazzer (US) bit R Reggi (II), 6-3 7-5. British men push open championship door

Three British men stood on the threshold of qualifying for the Australian Open champion-ships yesterday: Andrew Castle, the national champion, Mark dumped John McEnroe out of ichey and Nick Brown (Barry Wood writes).

Castle beat Federico
Mordegan of Italy 6-4, 6-4, in
Sydney and Petchey fought back
to win 6-0, 1-6, 6-3 after conceding the second set to American Kenny Thorne. Pambiano 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

There were defeats however for Chris Bailey, who lost 6-0, 4-6, 6-1 to Michael Brown of Australia and lames Turner lost

Australia and James Turner lost 7-5, 7-6 to Dan Cassidy of the United States. Sarah Loosemore excelled, losing just one game to Caroline Vis of Holland, but Anne

pkin lost 6-1, 6-3 to American Erika de Lone.

 Boris Becker, the second seed. has a dangerous first match against Paul Haarhuis of the were opposed to So players taking part.

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Fernandez (US): 18. B Paulus (Austria). Trade unions yesterday threatened to impose bans on the electrical, mechanical and

the US Open last year.

transport services at the cham-pionships unless anti-apartheid demonstrators are allowed to protest on centre court. The Victorian Trades Hall Council were opposed to South African

Blue charm fly under siege

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for this dressing still calls it a

blee charm.

with the wings of the blue charm? You would be wrong. Those who know the blue charm as a good salmon fly in small and Now someone has come along, ignored the balance of teal over medium sizes to be used on many a Scottish river, especially in summer months, will resent some of the things now being mallant and has substituted - I can hardly bring myself to say it has substituted for that perfection a wing made from a bruch of hair taken from the tail The blue charm was first tied

around 1800, so that the dressing has lasted a couple of of a squirrel. centuries more or less un-changed; a black estrich herl That in itself is bad enough but would be excusable if this butt has been dropped from time to time but that is about all. creation was given a completely One of the charms of the blue rel tail or something of that

charm is the way the mallard wing is dominated on the upper half by a slip of teal, supplying a perfect contrest, a beautiful balance of colour and shape which has given natold pleasure to salmon fishers for a couple of andred years.

This is a deception, rather like attaching a Savile Row label to a cheap pair of blue jesus and calling them Savile Row trousers. The cheap trousers will no You would think that having schieved perfection, fly dressers would hesitate to mess about doubt wear well, but they are nething to do with Savile Row nor has a squirrel hairwing fly,

rever efficient, anything to do with a blue charm. This practice of using stan-

dard names for other flies is growing. The latest example of a hairwing so-called blue charm is in a small give-away booklet in a in a small give-away booktet in a fishing magazine, which is claimed to be the copyright of EMAP Pursuit Publishing of Peterborough. It would be of some interest to know how they can copyright a blue charm whose name does not belong to Water

Malaysian launch Kesia Lempur (AFP) - Malaythe 1998 Commonwealth Games, Hannah Alia Samah, the president of the Olympic Council of Malaysia, says let-ters have been sent to all Commonwealth countries asking for their support. SKIING

Bittner is still the one to beat

From Ray Robinson

Cup slalom circuit has been relatively unaffected by the snow drought this season has enabled Arrain Bittner, of West Germany, to maintain the form that brought him the World Cup title last year. Yesterday Bittner won his third slaion of the season on an artificial snow course here in Austria.

Bittner finished fourth both runs but edged ahead of Michael Tritscher, the local favourite, by 0.06sec overall. It was the best finish of Tritscher's career while third place was shared by Conrad Ladstaetter. of Italy, and Tetsuya Okabe, of Japan. With Ole-Christian Furuseth, of Norway, and Bernhard Gstrein, of Austria, retiring, Bittner moved to the top of the slalom World Cup standings. Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, finished tenth to

lead the overall standings. The only slalom events to be cancelled due to lack of snow cancelled due to lack of show have been those at Park City, United States, and Madonna di Campiglio, Italy,
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RESULTS: 1, A Bittner (WG) 1min 56.26sec. 2, M Trischer (Austral, 1:56.32; eoual 3, K Ladsteeter (it) and T Okabe (Japan), 1:56.65; 5 P Roth (WG), 1:56.73; 6, R Nierich (Austral, 1:57.09; 7, P Frommer (Lach), 1:57.71; 8, P Accola (Switz), 1:57.57; 9, G Moro (tt), 1:57.97; 10, P Zurbnggen (Switz), 1:58.16; 11, G Mader (Austral), 1:58.37; 12, F McGrath (US), 1:58.45; 13, T Shaw (US), 1:58.78; 14, O Toetsch (tt), 201.25; 15, J Piccard (Fr), 2:01.72. Combined downhall and steloes: 1, Zurbnggen, 16.38pts; 2, Accola, 21.94; 3, Mader, 41.52; 4, M Wasmeier (WG), 47.76. 5, T Hand (Austral), 61.60; 6, C Ghedine (tt), 63.69. Overall World Cup stendings: 1, Zurbnggen, 166pts; 2.0 C Furuseth (Nor), 137; 3, Bitmer, 129; 4, Mader, 95; 5, 8 Gesten, 76; 18; 16; 6, Le Eriksson (Swe), 77. Station standings: 1, Bitmer, 95; 2, Gestein, 76; 3, Furuseth, 61; 4, Trischer, 53, 5, Accola, 50; 6, Ladstaeter, 48, Matiene cup standings: 1, Austral, 1,143; 2, Swetzertand, 569; 3, West Germany, 633; 4, Italy, 270; 5, France, 257; 6, Swedsen, 223.

Bells scotched by Duncan's will to succeed

Schladming — As if to show that the British team does not consist of the Bell brothers, the third member of the team turned in the best training times of his career and defeated Martin Bell comprehensively on race day in Schladming this week (Ray Robinson writes). Ronald Duncan, of Scotland.

agrees that this could be the season when he finally finds his form, "I've defeated both Martin and Graham before but this is the first time that I've done so on a technical European course," he said.

The retiring nature of the university graduate who was short-listed as a candidate for the Juno space mission, has meant that sponsorship and funding have been difficult to find. "The Austrians and the Swiss have better training facilities, better technical back-up and a budget to spend on producing winners." Duncan said. "On race day they can concentrate on racing. I've often got a dozen problems whirring

around in my head."

Duncan's Schladming success (3.70 seconds off the winner) has given him renewed confidence to try to become the top British downhiller. After four years on the World Cup circuit his will to succeed is unabated

BOXING

A new-style Benn must pass US test with honour

pion, makes his case for a world championship challenge when he takes on Sanderline Wil-liams, of the United States, here today. Everything depends on how well he handles Williams. Ambrose Mendy, Benn's man-ager, said a good win could bring Benn a title bout this year, for Williams is a difficult opponent who has pushed good boxers all

Only once has he failed to go the distance, a cut eye prevent-ing a finish against Lindell Holmes. Three of Williams's es. Three of Williams's defeats have been split decisions and six have been split decisions and six have been at the hands of opponents of the highest quality: Holmes, Herol Graham, who beat Holmes, Iran Barkley, Frank Tate and Don Lee, the last two of whom will be remembered for stopping Tony

Sibsum
"Williams even went all the way with Merqui Sosa, the way with Merdin Sosa, the tough knockout specialist from New York." Mendy said. "Williams has plenty of punch resistance and has never been on the floor. He is the sort of fighter that makes his opponents look

that makes his opponents look had. So we are looking for Nigel to win handsomely. If Nigel stops Williams it would be a magnificent achievement." Williams's performance against Graham, in Belfast, was a stinker and the crowd made their displeasure plain. Graham has never been back in Belfast stince.

Clearly Williams does not carry a knockout punch or else Mendy would not have picked him. At this stage of Benn's career it would not do to take on anyone who can hit.

prepared to wait. If I have to go 10 rounds I will go 10 rounds. If I see an opening I will take it."
Since coming to America after
his defeat last May by Michael
Watson, Benn has learned a few moves to set up his man rather than go swinging in with both bunds

Mendy admitted that the débacle at Finsbury Park last May, when Watson knocked him out in the fifth round, had taught him a lesson and that he and Benn decided to go back to school and do their homework on opponents in future. Mendy on opponents in future. Menay has even devised a system whereby his computer in London can at the touch of a button give him the records and newspaper reports of the top 20 middleweights in the world.

If Benn wins well he will most likely meet the winner of the

likely meet the winner of the World Boxing Organization title bout between Doug Dewitt, of the US, and Matthew Hilton, of

Canada, on Monday night.

The WBO championship is the least important of the four world titles. It is a new body and most of the tutles are held by former champions and contenders. Still, Dewitt and Hilton are quality fighters and a match between one of them and Benn would be a marketable proposition. Benn might have a warm-up before the title bout.

Benn's career in the United States is beginning to pay off commercially as well, according to Mendy. The middleweight's exploits here have been closely followed by a leading British manufacture of boxer shorts and Benn is about to sign a contract that could bring him in £500,000 a year.

Two old punchers seek bygone glory

The final confrontation between George Foreman and Gerry Cooney before they meet each other in the ring on Monday at the Convention Center in Allantic City, was more like a meeting of campaigners against ageism than boxers about to establish their credentials for a meeting with Mike Tyson.

The old soldiers, Jimmy Young, Ron Lyle and Archie Moore, now 75, were on the dais long before the media arrived. The main protagonists, instead of trooping in bored and surly with their respective retinues, waited in the wings for the spotlight and ran in jauntily, punching the air, shook hands in the middle of the dais, made a special effort to look mean, paned each other on the back, patted each other on the back, sat down and watched movies of the good old days.

If Cooney, at 33, has not changed significantly in physical appearance from the man who summarily despatched Eddie Gregg, Ken Norton and others up there on the big screen, the Foreman demolishing Joe Frazier, Ken Norton and Lyle bore no resemblance to the gentle giant with the pudgy round face sitting on the dais. If ever a man had been reborn in a new shape and with a new temperament it is George Foreman.

Even Bob Arum, the pro-moter, said: "George, I remem-ber you as an arrogant, surly and not very. Now you are clearly a new person. There is really something about being reborn as you are. You are kind, caring, have a sense of humour, very articulate and good to be around."

Arum berated the American Press for criticizing the match Cooney and Foreman are right.

42, not 41; he brought his birthday forward at a training session a few days ago and made everyone sing happy birthday) and Cooney, who has not boxed for 2½ years and had been struggling with a drink problem. Arum pointed out Archie Moore as an example, saying that Moore was still boxing when he was 49. As for the promotion, it was a "real home

Foreman, who turned to preaching after experiencing a religious rebirth in 1977, immediately after his defeat by Jimmy Young, used his critics as an audience. "Jimmy Young knocked the devil out of me, literally," he said smiling.

Referring to his 18 easy since 1987, Foreman said, "Critics say i bave not been tested. I hope I'm never tested. I don't want a tough fight now or ever. I hope this fight will lead to bigger and better things and they are all easy. I will fight until I'm 100 or over. Three cheers for anyone

Cooney was rather more serious. "Slowly it came to me that life can be easy when you decide to delete the nonsense and carry on," he said. "I've grown up and given up trying to please other people. People are knocking this fight so let them. I'm fighting on Monday for me. When its over I'll be satisfied that I have given it this chance." it this chance."

The two promised more action than was seen in the other seniors contest not too long ago in Las Vegas, between Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran — somehow! believe

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tall order for Halifax against mighty Wigan

If form and the pundits are to be ity in the 1972 final believed, Halifax need not One man who bother to turn up at Headingley today for the final of the Regal Trophy. The second division side have been written off, not least by the bookmakers, as they prepare for what is expected to be the most one-sided final the competition has staged. Wigan, their opponents, are

looking for their lifth win in eight seasons in what was for-merly the John Player Trophy. They are the holders, and have never lost a final in this 19-yearold tournament. Yesterday, John Monie, the Wigan coach, was able to select a side which who return after injury. Lydon, Gregory, Edwards and Goodway all featured in Great Britain's series win over New Zealand and their return adds awesome strength to a squad which has managed to keep on winning quite comfortably with-

Halifax face the statistic that won the competition, though division, Halifax were the first for eight games as the Rugby side to win the original trophy, League continues its clamp-when they met Wakefield Trindown on high tackling.

One man who does not believe that today is a one-horse race is John Dorahy, the Halifax player-coach, who said that his side could win if they "don't lose their concentration, tackle hard and snap up every half-chance."
The preliminary round of the
Silk Cut Challenge Cup starts this afternoon with a match between Millom, the amateur side from Cumbria, and Bisons, from Yorkshire. Tomorrow there are four games, including two ties between first division clubs. Castleford will have high hopes as they travel to face St Helens, who are suffering from several injuries, while Leeds and Bradford Northern meet at Headingley for the third successive pairing in trophy competitions this season. Mark Viller, the Swinton full back, has joined Rochdale Hornets for £10,000. But John Myler, the Swinton utility back, has failed to agree personal terms with Rochdale. no second division club has ever & Karl Fairbank, of Bradford Northern, and Phil Price, of St

Helens, have both been banned

GYMNASTICS

Sands faces a struggle

hard to retain a title at the British rhythmic gymnastics championships at Bletchiey to-day (Peter Ackroyd writes). Sands, twice the overall gold medal-winner, is pitted against Viva Seifert, the British No. 1

Alitia Sands, a senior national

champion, will have to fight

following outstanding performances at the last European and world championships. Seifert, aged 17, who trains at the Hillingdon School of GymEurope. Last year, she trained for six months in Bulgaria with their ton coaches. Other serious challengers include Joanna Walker, Gabrielle Yorath and Michelle Smith,

nastics, is ranked No. 19 in

junior champion last year. The junior championship should fall to Debbie Southwick, whose promising talents have earned her selection to the England team at the Commonwealth

Chasers are offered crumbs of comfort by Bath's slip-ups

Rugby Correspondent

It will not have escaped the Goucette notice of the clubs sniffing at Harisquine the heels of Bath, as Courage Clubs Championship business resumes today, that since the last league weekend (on Rossin Pk. last league weekend (on Ros November 25) the champions have actually lost one match and drawn another. To be fair to Bath, they have happily disposed of all English opponents at a time when they have been depleted by divisional or national training calls, Christmas holidays and winter

The defeat was at Swansea and the draw at Cardiff, but these are crumbs for opponents to clutch at as the likes of Gloucester, Wasps and Harlequins attempt to make up the difference which separates them from Bath at the top of the first division.

"We haven't given up the chase," Alan Brinn, Gloucester's chairman of selectors. said. "We are determined to maintain the pressure on

inflicted Bath's only league defeat so far this season, a feat which weakened Bedford visitors to the Recreation Ground today - are most unlikely to emulate.

Gloucester themselves go to Leicester, whose interest in the league title is limited: they have lost three times already and have yet to play the other West Country giants, Bristol and Bath. Not that Cusworth and company will make life easy for Gloucester, and the same is true of Orrell's visit to Wasps, whom the Lancashire club believe to be the best team in the country.

Orrell, whose centre, Langford - the divisional full back - had an exploratory Bath." It was Gloucester who knee operation yesterday,

Scotland's haves and have-nots

The McEwan's national league land prop, Milne, after last resumes in Scotland after its Saturday's trial at Murrayfield. Seth-week winter break with Jed-Forest will be without the

matches that sharply divide the top and bottom halves of the strong, who is still troubled by first division.

All four matches involving the top eight clubs are bound to be significant, but the focus will require the control of th first division.
All four matches involving be on the leaders, Jed-Forest, who are at Goldenacre to play Heriot's FP, and on the secondabsence of Armstrong will add to the troubles of Jed, who are already without their dynamic flanker, Liddle. At Myreside, Metrose, who placed Metrose, who also travel to Edinburgh to meet

are only one point behind Jed-Forest, have their British Isles stand-off half, Chalmers, back for their match with Boroughmuir, while in the west, Glasgo High/Kelvinside Exc the fourth-placed club, Stirling County The other too gatch is Heriot's are only two points behind Jed-Forest and are there-fore still strong championship contenders. Their chances of conghmuir, while in the west, defeating the Borderers have increased with the return to their team after injury of the flanker, Rafferty, one of the most creative Scottish back-row burns academicals play Gala.

players. The other factor which could influence Heriot's performance will be exercised on their Scot-

rampton v Eventori

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will restore Ainscough, the England B midfield player, to their ranks. A spinal injection to assist a prolapsed disc may make or break his season, which has consisted thus far of nothing but frustration.

It must be hoped that local rivalry does not get the better of Harlequins' game against Rosslyn Park at the Stoop Memorial ground, as it did a week ago when two weakened XVs represented Wasps and Harlequins in an anythingbut-friendly match. In fact, London is a seething mass of activity, with three first-division matches, three seconddivision matches and two third-division matches taking

Northa division leaders, go to Blackheath, while London Irish, in second place, enter-tain Plymouth Albion, who knocked them out of the cup in November and now have their best front row (where Hocking plays his first league game for a year) restored to

Liverpool St Helens, in third, play fourth-placed Richmond, though interest at the Athletic Ground may be centred on the differences of opinion which have surfaced this week between Richmond and their co-tenants, London Scottish. Though Richmond prefer not to comment, there seems to have been a falling out between the two clubs, and the Scottish (leaders of the third division) must play their game with Exeter on the

second XV pitch.
Scottish had hoped to re solve the difficulty of both them and Richmond being drawn at home today by playing tomorrow but Exeter - quite properly - declined and the Rugby Football Union ruled that if the cotenants could not agree, the game should be played today on another pitch or ground.

A head count of the respec-

tive supporters on either side of the Richmond stand (where the clubhouse windows, in fact, look out on to the secondteam pitch) might be an instructive exercise.



English put faith in experience

The English Universities are able to call on aix of the England Students side which beat the Soviet Union 16-15 last month for the international against Irish Universities, at Sunbury on January 19 (Mark Herbert writes).

Loughborough provide the nucleus of an experienced pack of whom Wareham, Baldwin, Peters and Taylor played against the Soviets. MacNanghion and Parton, both England Students, or included in the backs. are included in the backs.

TEAM: (2 Alexander (Novembre): A Parl (Loughtorrough), M. Robbasen (UEA MacHaughton (Liverpool), J. McL.

most improved provincial team, and the missing component to their midfield triangle is Lan Wood, who makes his first league appearance for Harlequins against Rosslyn Park today. Wood will, I hope, forgive me for quoting from The 1983 Rugby Almanack of Nev Zenland which, referring to the 1983 season, mays: "Wood brought wide experience and a great deal of skill to Harbour's midfield, where he formed an impressive combination with the capable Scott Pierce." From it, you may gather that New Zenlanders think Wood is not a bad player. He is not, though, one of those transitory Autipodeans who are here one month and gone the next. Wood, aged 26, played his first game for Harlequins on October 18. "The past sorting out patrial status for work purposes but, basically, I've cut ties with New Zenland and case ever here on the off-chance of getting employ-Cooke in a call for change

is such an important ingredient.
Both Little and Botics play for North Earlows, New Zealand's most luproved provincial team, and the missing component to

Wood in business

brings quality to

Harlequins backs

By David Hands

Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, believes a solution must be found to the fixture collision which means leading players are faced with important club games before every international this winter.

Today, league matches pre-cede the opening round of the five nations' championship and England's subsequent matches are preceded twice by cup games and another league fixture.

Cooke feels too much is being demanded of the leading play-ers: "Speaking personally I feel that we should look at the possibility of moving the five nations' championship. If it were started a few weeks later it would mean our league programme could virtually be com-pleted before the internationals

Other countries, notably France, are known to be reductant to move the championship, although the Welsh may find a similar difficulty when their national league begins. This week Dudley Wood, the Rugby Football Union secretary, said it had long been England's belief that the championship should be the columnation of the

"It could with benefit be set back three weeks," he said, "It has been discussed with the other unions and has received no support. France objected strongly and the other countries indicated a degree of apathy, but we all have different domestic

Richard Hill, Bath's England scrum half, faces Bedford in a first division match today which

Other countries, notably is crucial to his club's champis crucial to his club's champ-ionship aspirations. Hill admits he will not be playing flat out but said: "We are lucky to be playing Bedford. But what if it were Gloncester? And besides, the week before the France-England international, Bath play Harlequins in the cup. You cannot hold back in that match."

In ragby terms, he has had to kick his beeks because of the eligibility rules which have forced him, and others, to wait 12 weeks before they can play in the beautiful.

England's

Cooks sympathizes and says:
"It would be nice if the players could take a break before all the internationals. We focused their minds entirely on representing England while we were in Lanzarote. But now they have to turn their minds off all that and concentrate on league games. There is also the risk of injuries. Long term I think something will have to be sorted out."

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

49ers must get to grips with Everett

By Robert Kirley

Cast the mind back a couple of months, to Twickenham and the Barbarians playing against New Zealand. In that All Backs the was a youngster, Walter Little, who did not make the internationals on tour but could have replaced Joe Stanley at centre almost as effectively as Craig lanes stepped into John Kirwan's shoes on the right wing. There are the way the played at stand-off half in the major matches rather than Grant Fox, whose goal-kicking is such an important ingredient. The contestants for Super Bowl XXIV, which will be played in New Orleans on January 28, will be determined in the National Football League conference championship games tomorrow when the San Francisco 49ers host the Los Angeles Rams and the Cleveland Browns visit the

The National Football Conference (NFC) final could develop into a shootout between Joe Montana, of the 49ers, and Jim Everett, of the Rams, if predicted rain does not dampen the proceedings. Each club won away in two previous meeting this season, so the rubber game figures to be "totally awesome".

as they say in California. as they say in California.

It has the potential to outstrip
the Super Bowl in terms of
competitiveness. The NFC
finalists are in dazzling form;
the American Football Conference (AFC) contenders have been scraping by.

Everyone knows about Mon-tana — the man sets records by the game and frequently invents ways to beat the opposition. Everett, the new boy on the West Coast, has moved into the echelon of top-flight quarterbacks this season.

The 49ers hope to pressure The 49ers nope to pressure Everett with the tenacious rushing of Michael Carter, the 1984 Olympic shot put silver medal winner, who is eager to play after recuperating from a footingury sustained in November.

San Francisco, the defending Susses Royal champions, must Super Bowl champions, must et an early lock on Everett. The Rams, who hold a 122-50 first-quarter points advantage this season, like to score fast and scare their foes.

The conference championthe conference champion-ships involve first-year coaches, George Seifert, of San Fran-cisco, and Bud Carson, of Cleveland, against veterans, John Robinson, of LA, and Dan

Reeves, of Denver.
In the AFC final, the Bronco and the Browns will face each other for the third time in four years for the right to go to the Super Bowl. Denver reached the big game on the previous occasions, two and three years ago, by virtue of untimely Cleveland errors. On October 1, however, the Browns proved something to themselves by beating the Broncos 16-13 in overtime.

Since that game, both clubs have strengthened their running attacks. Then, the Browns were operating without Kevin Mack, and Denver had not yet moved Bobby Humphrey into a starting

Third division Birmingham v Bristol C Blackpool v Notts C....

burgh Academicals play Gala.
Two significant relegation

games are between Ayr and Selkirk at Millbrae and West of

Scotland and Hawick at

Bury v Preston Cardiff v Tranmere Fulham v Bolton fuddersfield v Walsali Leyton O v Shrewsbury... Northampton v Swansea Reading v Crews ... Rotherham v Wiger

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Hereford v Cambridge
Lincoln v Aldershot

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GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES RUGEY UNION Courage Clubs Championship First division

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Club matches

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Ayr v Selidrik

Boroughmuir v Melrose

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Kelso v Sawwat's Mal FP

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CLENFIDIRCH INTERNATIONAL BIDOOR TOUBHAMEERT: Kelvinhall, Glasgow (9-30).
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Strownsbury; Kingswinlord v Barleston;
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TOMORROW

Barclays League First division Sheffield W v Chalses (3.30). Second division Middlesbro v Sunderland (12.0)

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Corty (4.0); Second distalles: Birmingham
v Water (6.0); Concease v Stockport
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Common, Cembridge, 1.30); Stourport v
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Murrayfield v Peterborough (6.30); Solfmuli
v Whitley (7.3), First division: Humberside
v Desside (5.15); Lee Valley v Medway
(5.30); Streathern v Ceretaind (6.15);
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HANDBALL BRITISM LEAGUE: (Mart): Strathclyde University v Birtenhead (2.0); Waterled v Kirtby Select (2.30); Liverpool v Tryst 77 (2.0); (Women): Waterled v Halewood

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SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Queen speaks to her umpire

If Graham Gooch is the quiet man of English cricket, Dickie Bird is its eloquent presence. Patrick Murphy puts an appealing human face to a captain who has been set yet another litmus test in the West Indies and to an umpire who is a royal favourite

ppearances can be deceptive. Graham Gooch is neither surly nor money-conscious, a man for whom cricket is a chore. He is no different to any modern husband who cares deeply about the welfare of his wife and three children . . . about the desirability of being paned from them for months. Although he broods about his batting, he is no Boycott — inconsolable when the runs are scarce. He has scored more runs and scarce. He has scoted more runs and centuries than any Englishman presently playing and his sterling performances over the years against the West Indies — always the litmus test — had reinforced his quality. One wonders whether Gordon Greenidge or Desmond Haynes would have matched Gooch's record had they matched Gooch's record had they had to face Malcolm Marshall, Andy

Yet Gooch will be remembered as much for a short tour to South Africa in 1982 as for his majestic batting. The England tour to India in 1988 was cancelled largely because he had been named captain. The South African ramifications brought out the stubborn streak in Gooch and in recent years he has withdrawn more into his shell. Is Gooch aware that his image is that of someone not enjoying his chosen career any

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I suppose I must appear a bit staid, a bit dour, keeping my emotions in check. Certainly, in these image-conscious days, it pays to blow your own trumpet a little, rather than sit back and let things come your way, like I do. Perhaps my posture has some-thing to do with it. I have inherited my dad's rounded shoulders. My sense of humour is not the back-slapping, bellow-laughter style; I prefer a quiet dig without being effervescent. I am still shy and I feel inhibited that I am now

recognized by someone in the street wherever I go.

I do still enjoy my cricket. I am very pleased at the way I came out of the lowest ebb of my career in 1987, when I just could not get a still the start of the server. run at the start of the season. I was so disturbed at the way I was playing - falling over to the off side, playing too much to leg — that it really got to me. I collected two pairs in just a few days for Essex and found myself wondering if I had lost it for good. As a sional sportsman, you must worry when it goes seriously wrong: it affects your enjoyment, you start to wonder whether it is all worth it. It is a mental pressure. You need that enthusiasm that makes you want to get out there and do it. In 1987 I was wondering if it had all caught up with me.

Obviously, I felt I could still do the things I could 10 years earlier, but I have started to notice that I felt exhausted after a hard day's play. I was slowing up and feeling less

So how did you snap out of all that? You played so well the

following year.

It started to come back thiring the World Cup in Pakistan and the World Cup in Pakistan and India. I made one or two technical adjustments and the good wickets gave me confidence. I started the 1988 season determined to do well. I had resigned the Essex captaincy because I felt my form had been affected, and the West Indies were here. For the first time in my career I worked at developing a positive mental attitude . . . consciously telling myself I was

going to play well and score heaps of runs. I forced myself to recall the times when I had done particularly well against the bowlers I was due to face that day. None of this stuff about "Oh, God. It's Malcolm Marshall today - is he going to knock my off stump out of the ground for the tenth time on the trot?"

No more waiting for the worst to happen, no more negative thoughts. I got 275 in my first innings for Essex and I never looked back. I got my feet moving at the right time, sorted out my pick-up and thought positively. When you are in the right frame of mind you just go out there and do it naturally,

Did the Anstralians stop you playing naturally in the 1989 series?

I was disappointed. I had hoped to get a couple of hundreds against them, to get me up to 10 Test centuries. People talked about Terry Alderman having the sign on me, but he got a lot of other players out as well. English conditions helped him and, because he gets so close to the stumps, he has the eye of the umpires and always has a chance of an Ibw. After asking to stand down from the Trent Bridge Test, did you later feel you ought to have stayed

in the side and buttled it out? If the selectors had really forced the issue, then I would have played. But I just did not merit my place in the side. I said that, with the Ashes lost, there was now an opportunity to have a look at another opener, especially as I was not playing well. I cannot see how that should ever suggest I was should play.

You are a fusser about your technique: a dedicated practiser? Some say I am too critical, too meticulous about my technique.



6 My ambitions for England are still strong at the age of 36. I want to be proud of my record when I retire?

But I have thought more and more about doing myself justice in recent years. I was unhappy about my technique in 1987, yet I still ended up with 1,300 runs, averaging nearly 39, so perhaps I got some of it out of proportion. To prosper against the West Indians must have been particu-

I was very happy at maintaining standards throughout that 1988 series against them. I can look back with pleasure and some pride on my efforts against them. Has your absorption with your I suppose that will always be held against me - that I packed in

the Essex job for that reason. I did

captaincy on the field was not a problem ... it was the bits and pieces away from the middle that meant I was not giving 100 per cent either to the captaincy or my

because Micky Stewart is around to take care of all the bits and

Yes, it is - and I enjoy it, especially getting the chance to gee. up younger players new to Test

When you became England cap-tain in 1988 you had already ince later in the year, raling you out of the tour to India. Then the prespect of captaining England on not want my batting worries to rub off on the rest of the lads. The that trip became stronger. Can you see why some felt you were forcing

They will put whatever interpretation on it they like but I assure you it was not blackmail. Early in the summer I decided it was just not feasible to take my family to India. In Western Province I would be based in one place and would see far more of Brenda and the girls than I would in an English season. But having captained England at the Oval, I felt a sense of pride and wanted to carry

leaders in the English game over the past two decades. How do Mike Brearley and Keith Fletcher

on. But there was no question of me going to India only if I was

Tactically, they were both ex-

cellent - and lucky enough to lead sides with match-winning bowlers. Mike had the ability to converse with anyone in the team at the right level; he would never patronize someone like me, who lacked his intellectual brilliance. Neither of them bore grudges and both could strike that fine balance between staying aloof and being one of the boys. Of the two, I would say Fletch was the better

efforts to discourage English cricketers from going to South I am disappointed at the new

restrictions. The younger players will miss valuable coaching and playing opportunities and the chance to help Coloured cricketers. At least we all know where we stand now, but I feel that a critizen of the UK should be allowed to go there without being punished, Sport is such an easy touch for the politicians. I do not agree with anartheid. It is a terrible system but the cricketers out there are doing their best to put things right. I have never had one cross word

with any Coloured cricketer and their governments are perfectly entitled to take whatever stand they wish. But our cricketers are being victimized. Are you keeping your options open over playing again in South

I know that if I want to play there, that would be the end of my Test career - and at the moment 1 would like it to continue. My ambitions for England are still strong and, at 36, I still have a few years left in me. I want to be proud of my performances when I retire and an important part of that concerns an improvement in my Test record. I have thrown away a few centuries by getting out in the seventies and eighties and I would not want to go out of the game having scored less than double figures in hundreds. I would like to be averaging over 40 in Tests but at the moment my Test record



nd they say there are no characters left in top-class crickett Harold (Dickie) Bird is the genuine article. By common consent he is the world's best umpire. Cricketers from all the Test-playing countries aver that when Dickie gives his decision, it is automatically accepted, such is their respect for him. How he manages to merge the appropriate faculties to reach his decision in a lit-second remains a mystery, for Dickie is a chatterbox, an insomniac, a man who never seems to be in the proper, relaxed frame of mind to get it right.

Over and above his brilliance as an umpire, Dickie has one outstanding characteristic -humanity. Only he could succumb to the call of nature halfway through a Test match; only his shin could intercept the Exocet progress of a ball, leading to a melo-dramatic collapse. Does he delib-

erately defuse the tension in the middle by playing a role?
Well, I do fuss around, trying to be human, sharing the tensions with the players. I know how under their case and uptight they can feel out there and it is important to me that they hold me in respect. Do you know, I've never had any problems with those who were supposed to be a real handful. Look at Dennis Lillee - great lad, never a moment's trouble with him. He and Rod Marsh were the first to ring me last winter when I went to Australia. They asked me to go

and stay with them - and they were supposed to be the terror of Ian Chappell has been a great

supporter as well. He wrote in his book that if it ever looked as though the game was going to boil over, I'd twitch my arms out, say something daft and everyone would laugh and relax. You see, I am married to the game. I nearly wed on two occasions but it didn't happen, and aithough I would have loved a family, I have no regrets. I've given my life to

the end of the game, say: "Well done, Dickie." Who walks these days after get-

ting a nick? Not many, although there are a few great sportsmen. lan Botham is as good as gold. John Abrahams was a tremendous sportsman. He was batting once for Lancashire when he got the faintest touch on his glove. I couldn't have given him out, but when someone stifled

Are you still close to the players after all these years? Oh, yes. I talk to all of them out on the field. I wish there wasn't the massive appealing that we get nowadays. Everyone seems to be shouting "catch it" when the ball lobs up. But I suppose that is part of the modern game. It still means everything to me when players, at

an appeal, John walked. There were a lot more like John when I started, but I still think that, by



and large, we can hold our heads up in England. Non-walkers must realize they cannot have it both ways, though. If players stand there, fair enough, but if they get a rough decision, then they must walk straight off and save their morning for the dressing-room.

Eddie Barlow once told me that he was a non-walker, but if he ever got an unlucky one he would never

complain even in the dressing-

The ones that worry me are the

scoring a hundred but not when they're on nought. Having said all that, there's nothing in the laws to make someone walk. Can great umpires be

I don't think I am a big-headed man, but I have to say that it is a gift you are born with - in umpiring it is a matter of intuition, ball sense and common sense. It is not enough to know the room. He was as good as his word. rules; you have to apply them selective walkers - they go after Do you think that umpires have

6I am married to the game. I nearly wed on two occasions but I have no regrets. I've given my life to cricket 9

deserved all the attacks on them by the players in recent years? I will defend the umpire against anyone. I do believe that they are all fair and honest men doing their best. I would even defend Shakoor Rana. In the last five years umpiring has been more difficult than at any times in the game's history. Many top umpires of the past would not live with the modern pressures. There is so much money at stake now, there is such an emphasis on winning. Would a panel of neutral empires improve the standards in Test

I am not in favour, although if it comes down to a select panel of 12 umpires, I would, of course, be happy to stand. I hope it fails to catch on because players simply have to accept that the umpire's decision is final. I think the system of having a panel of umpires for each home series is right. Some say you should select the best two from each of the Test-playing countries, but that would mean you would still not get the best 12 in the world.

Might electronic aids improve I hope I never see them. They

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the height can only be judged by the umpire at the bowler's end. The umpire also has to consider where the bowler delivered the ball in the area of the crease and how much the ball did off the seam. I don't want to see the human element taken away. A machine would be no use for catches behind the wicket because you hear all sorts of noises out there when the keeper appeals. They would only be of use in close

But a top-class umpire does not make many mistakes in that area. you know. I never want to see those huge electronic scoreboards they have in some Australian grounds over here. I think they are inflammatory. What is wrong with simply taking the word of the umpires as they judge it with a naked eye? Are there any laws that you would

rem-outs.

I would do away with leg-byes. It is very difficult to tell if a

batsman has played a shot some-times. I would like to call a dead hall. That's all. What has been the outstanding memory of your career?

The day I got my MBE at Buckingham Palace. I am very much an Establishment man turned down Kerry Packer and also the South African Breweries tour - and to be honoured by the Queen meant everything to me. I was crying when she handed it over to me and I had to apologize to her because I was so proud. She said: "Dickie, are you umpiring in the Test at Lord's tomorrow?" I said I was and she said: "I'll see you there on Friday, then." Paninsnc.

The Queen Mother has also been wonderful to me. In the Queen's jubilee year she invited the umpires and the players from the England-Australia Test to Clarence House and she said to me: "Dickie, you haven't been wearing your white cap today." I said that was because it had been overcast and I hadn't needed it. She said: "I always know it's you when I see that white cap and all those twitches." Money cannot buy that, you know.

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SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Cups and medals not essence of the game

By George Chesterton

Malcolm Berry, the chairman of the English Schools Football ociation, is keen to remind all players that the winning of trophics and medals, although satisfying, is not the most important aspect of the game.

Teaching correct attitudes, HANDBALL STATE OF THE PROPERTY sistence on high standards and the applicating of good skills must be the main aim of school sport, he says. ESFA gives the game a sound base upon which the FA and Football League

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THE ST In two remaining fourth-round matches of the ESFA Trophy, Sheffield defeated Wal-gall 3-2, Hardwick scoring all sheffield's goals. Ring, scoring from a second-minute penalty, pur Deseater through into the on Doncaster through into the fifth round in their replayed match against Derby.

Nottinghamshire defeated Humberside 5-3 in the under-16 county competition, despite Humberside being two ahead after 20 minutes, Carmichael scoring both goals.
A squad has been selected for a final period of coaching at Blackpool from which the

under-15 team to represent England against Northern Ireland on February 26 will be chosen. A third of the 15 players comes from the General Motors Vauxhall FA Nanonal School at

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New Channel Swedes lose three over test amateurs

From Burry Pickthall, Anchiend

A new editions race paries was amounced yesterday by the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC). Called the De Vere Challenge, the series will counts of three cross-Channel races from August 11 to 17 (Malcolm McKeag writes).

The first will be from Downsmanth to Jurgery, the second

mouth to Jersey, the second from Jersey to Brighton, and the third from Brighton to The series already attract principally american crusser-mous in IMS and CHS yaches, with only

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age class for IOR nators. In a separate development, the BORC has established a permanent three-man team to three British's interestional offshore racing efforts. The country shore racing efforts. The country new holds both the Admiral's Cup and the Southern Cross Cup but has never won the World Cup.

unrest in Card camp

Disenchantment with the performance of their yacht during the first half of the Whitbread Round the World Race has led The Card is one of three Bruce three crew from the fifth-placed Swedish maxi, The Card, to walk out on the project. Billy Biewenga, the yacht's

American co-navigator, who raced on Simon Le Bon's British Whithread yacht, Drum, four years ago, Jim Close, of Australia, who raced aboard Alan Gray's Jamarella in last year's winning Admiral's Cup team, and the Swede, Johan Salen, have all left the boat after a beated crew meeting earlier this

The loss of three highly experienced crew - and threatened walk-out by three more — will undoubtedly weaken a team which has already suffered from

the death of a crewman, killed in

Farr designed ketches competing in the race, but it has so far failed to match the pace of Peter Blake's leading yacht, Steinlager
2, or her third-placed New
Zealand rival, Fisher & Paykel.
The Swedish yacht trails Steinlager by more than three

Who has sailed the half of the race as mast-map and belmsman aboard Harry Harkimo's tweifth-piaced Belmont Furland. He has been posched by Marku Wuker's rival Funnish entry, Martela OF, which hes sixth overall, just 10 hours beated The Card.

Another disenchanted crew-

Bax is flying high after third success

Brisbane - The British champion, Alan Bax, crewed by Alan Lockhart, took a firm grip on the Flying 15 world championship ith a third successive win in the fourth race on Waterloo Bay here yesterday (Bob Ross writes). Bax and Lockhart, sailing

Willy Wonka, won by 22 seconds from the Australian champion, Just Add Water, with another Australian yacht, Rehence, in third. Different Priorities, of New Zealand, crossed the line first but was disqualified for a pre-

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San Diego enter final phase of cup dispute

From Barry Pickthall

The San Diego Yacht Club advanced by Mercury Bay Boat-yesterday filed its legal argu-ments in the final appeal to decide whether the Californian right, that the Appellate Court club or its New Zealand rival, the Mercury Bay Boating Club, should be awarded the Ameri-

Ca's Cup.

Refuting New Zealand's case that Dennis Conner's defending affidavit delivered to the New caramaran, Stars and Stripes, York Court of Appeal by 19 against Mercury Bay's 133ft independent Admiral's Cup exmonoball, was both on-sportsmanlike and against the sport of the Deed of Gift, which controls the event, Tom Ehman, executive vice-president of the America's Cup organizing com-mittee, said: "With today's filing, we're just one step away from ending a lengthy chapter in the America's Cup history. ne America's Cup history. "We believe our brief convinc-

ingly refutes every argument

decision was right, and this decision will be upheld in the Court of Appeals."

York Court of Appeal by 19 serts and clubs. - bich include Also Bood and his winning Bertrand, as well as led lurner American Alappers who have sided each the New Zealanders. The court will hear oral arguments from all sides on February 8, and the seven judges are expected to hand down a final decision in March or April.

A taste for bookmakers' money Standing in the kitourse Malton, Jimmy Fitzgerald diversed his verdict on Frashivery dam-at-lands training terms of the good as the mean Leopardstown feature booked for Elementary to 52 favourite, and the sight of the jockey looking round for non-existent danger round

delivered his verdict on Fragrant Dawn's chance of giving the stable its first win in the Ir£50,000 The Ladbroke at Leopardstown this afternoon.

"Fragrant Dawn is well handicapped but I haven't specifically set out to win the race with him," he said. "He's become a very short price and is by no means a good thing, but if the ground is good to soft he's sure to go close to winning. I believe he's certain to finish at least in the first

Fitzgerald, renowned for his assaults on the betting ring, readily admits to a liking for bookmakers' money. He again has them in his sights, though this time by the more traditional prize-money route: while Fragrant Dawn contests one bookmaker sponsorship, Meikleour tackles the £40,000 Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot.

"Meikleour could have a good each-way chance," Fitz-gerald said. "His blood was wrong when he ran disappointingly at Cheltenham last time but if he's in the same mood as when he's won at Ascot before he's going to run well. He's a horse that tells you when he's in good form and at the moment be's particularly bright of eye."

Fitzgerald has become akin to a folk hero in racing. Winners are hard enough to unearth at the best of times, so a man capable of planning and executing long-term betting coups demands the utmost

The list is impressive: Forive'N Forget in the Coral Golden Hurdle Final in 1983 and in the 1985 Cheltenham Gold Cup; Kayudee in the Cesarewitch in 1985 and Galway Blaze in the Hennessy Gold Cup later that autumn; and at York last summer the anticipated victory of Sapience in the Ebor. All were aid out well in advance and decisive successes added further to the Fitzgerald legend.

Fitzgerald's recent form has been towering. Since Christmas, winners have been harvested across the country, including five on Boxing Day. All trainers dream of such a run, when home gallops work out and horses reproduce, or even surpass, their best form. "It's a lot easier when things trainer's dry comment.

Fragrant Dawn's recent four-length win in the L'Oreal Hurdle at Newbury bore all shivers down the bookmakers'

"I expected him to win, but not to bolt in like that," the trainer said. "It makes you doubt the value of the form. But he's improving and I was impressed with him when he won a handicap at Wetherby last season."

The gambling, though it captures the headlines, is only the froth on the serious side of training. Placing an owner's horses to best advantage is the key to lasting success.

'If you've got a potentially good horse, you've got to make a long-term goal and go for it," Fitzgerald said. "If you miss your chance, you sometimes miss the whole season. It's not the same with ordinary horses because you have another chance next time out." Together with David Els-

worth and Peter Easterby, Fitzgerald, a former National Hunt jockey, is one of the outstanding dual-purpose trainers. His handling of Sapience in the Ebor was a spectacular advertisement for his skills.

"After his two-year-old career we thought that the Ebor was our best chance of winning a big race. He was dropped a few pounds after, being beaten a neck in the Watt Memorial Plate at Beverley and another 6lb after finishing a staying-on eighth on ground too firm in the King George V Handicap at Royal

From then on we were in business. Weight is vitally important, both jumping and on the Flat. Top handicaps are so competitive every pound

itzgeraid, born in Co Tipperary, regards his adopted home in Yorkshire as an ideal base for operations. "Jumping trainers are much better off up here as they are ideally placed both for the meetings farther north and the London tracks and

"All this talk about the north-south divide on the Flat is nonsense. Newmarket and Lambourn are just the same. The only divide is between trainers with owners willing to buy million pound yearlings and trainers without.

Last autumn Sepience chased home Michelozzo in the St Leger at Ayr. "What happened to the million pound horses that day? There was Sapience, a 26,000 guineas foal, taking on Michelozzo, who cost \$180,000 as a yearling."

Pat Eddery rode Sapience at York and Fitzgerald feels the hallmarks of a Norton strongly about using top jock-said, "but Martin P Grange coup. Mark Dwyer's eys. "They are the most to have found one."

alongside, you've lost."

Mark Dwyer, the stable's jump jockey, nowadays has strong support from Derek Byrne, "Derek's the best conditional jockey in the country. This is his important season, as be's just lost his allowance. but he's getting plenty of outside rides."

n the past six years Dwyer has been associated with most of the stable's big-race Nat-ional Hunt triumphs, notably Forgive'N Forget and Galway Blaze. "He's as good as any of them. Not one of them could give him a pound. He's got a great way of settling a horse and never gives one a hard ride if he's beaten. A jockey should be like a mu-sician; he must have good hands and a good head."

Although delighted with the season's total of 41 winners, the absence of a stable star is keenly felt. "We're missing Forgive'N Forget, Danish King and Rising Forest. The good horses are what keep us all going but at the moment we've mainly young stock.

"Phoenix Gold, Man Of The West and Lumberjack might be good enough to run at the Festival. To have a winner at Cheltenham outer the whole season seem more worthwhile."

Fitzeerald moves easily among racing's hierarchy and punters and racegoers alike, although, like many highprofile sportsmen, a cloak of modesty conceals a healthy

There was no sign of in-hibitions as he described a day with high pheasants on the Yorkshire Wolds. "This bird came rocketing over and I pulled right through it," he said, almost falling over as he swung an imaginary gun vig-orously over his right shoulder. "The beater said it was the highest pheasant they'd ever seen shot at Garrowby." Like all his colleagues, Fitz-

gerald has had to compete with Martin Pipe, the wizard Wellington. Strands Of Gold, removed from Norton Grange to Nicholashayne, won the Hennessy the follow-

When asked about his rival. Fitzgerald's already high colour deepened and the bine eyes flashed. "You're on dangerous ground there," warned

Fitzgerald's sense of humour swiftly got the better of him. "I never thought there



was any secret to training," he said, "but Martin Pipe seems Jimmy Fitzgerald with Fragrant Dawn, who will be attempting to add the Ir250,000 The

Elementary, adjudged only a stone behind Carroll House, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, in the International Classification published this week, can secure a major hurdling prize in the Ic£50,000 The Ladbroke at Leopardstown this

Trained by Jim Bolger, Ele-Trained by Jim Holger, He-mentary has run above himself since the weights for this race were framed. He was only a head behind Grabel in the Bookmakers' Hurdle over this course and distance at Christmas, yet Elementary was trying to give the winner 5lb despite having been assessed 1 llb inferior to her for this contest.

Although Elementary does not have history on his side — no winner has carried more than 11st 8lb since the race became a handicap in 1976 — he has won handicap in 1976 — he has won three times at Leopardstown and is no stranger to carrying big weights, either on the Flat or over turdle.

The decision to change to a handicap has done the English challenge no favouris, and since

1976 only two raiders have succeeded. The challenge today succeeded. The challenge today numbers seven of the 27-strong field with Fragrant Dawn, the popular ante-post favourite, the greatest danger to Elementary.

Fragrant Dawn, who began his career with Michael Quaid in Ireland before moving to Jimmy Fitzgerald, landed some sizable bets when beating Cinnamon Run by four lengths at Newbury last month. Although Mark Dwyer may have to put up a little overweight he will prove a formidable opposent.

Since the compilation of the weights Osric has also run an excellent trial to finish only 2½ lengths behind Kribensis at Kempton Park, where he was meeting the winner on level

Royal Derbi, trained at New-market by Neville Callaghan, carried off a successful raid in Ireland last spring when win-ning the Guinness Trophy Champion Four-Year-Old Hurdie at Punchestown by 10 lengths from a field which included Highland Bud and Ikdam. A reproduction of that form would give him a sporting

Arthur Moore has easily he Arthur Moore has easily he best record in an event which he is attempting to win for the sixth time. Joyful Noise, his representative this year, got away with a blunder at the last when beating Royal Miami over this course and distance but could find this competition too hot.

Marlion may be the medium of some hefy on-course support as this former English stayer brought off a major coup in the Irish Cesarewitch and has since been laid out for this race. However, he could prefer a longer distance over hurdies, especially as the ground was drying out quickly yesterday

John Webber will run Etfast and Auntie Dot in two of the supporting races. The better case can be made for Etfast in the Fizzpatricks Shamon Sham-mork Chees as he was a south rock Chase as he was a good second to Another Coral at Champham.

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2.30 (3m 100yd ch) 1, CITY BITES, TAINER (G Brackey, 11-4); 2, Ouken (Mr P McMahon, 9-2); 3, See You There (M Dwyer, Evens fav), ALSO RAM: 6 Swirt Howe (4th), 14 Hatsu-Girle (pu), 5 ran.

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2.00 (2m indis) 1, 1 100 YOU MOT (R Supple, 12-1; 2, One For The Fot (G Bradley, 11-8 lav); 3, Decision M Bran-ter, 13-2; MLSO FLAN: A Martimore, (Bit), 8 African Spirt, 10 Fastive Plan, 18 Familie, (4th, Vehad, 20 Fallio, 13th, 23 Soy Pointer (pu), Cherry Chap, 11 ran, NPC Landeld, 3J, 8t, nk, hd, 3J, 3 O'Neill ut Penrish, Tota: £19.10; 54.00, £1.60, £2.20, 0F: £17.70. GSP: £29.20, Tricust: £18.00.

3.30 (2m 4f 100yd ch) 1. DEADLINE (N Smith, 10-1); 2. Affain Gamed (R Supple, 7-2; 3. Canadad (C Prince, 11-2), ALICO RAN: 11-4 Im Kerell (Sth), 4 Artery Fox, (ur), 11-2 Numerate (48), II ran, NY: Western Flevivel, 3h hd, 274, 8, 101, 3 Bundel at Grimsty, Tota: 25.80; 23.20, 22.20, DF: 210.90, CSF: 23.94.0. 22.20. DF: 210.90. CSF: 239.40.

4.95 (2m heap) /, GARESTORN OF DE-GREE (G McCourt, 10-1); 2, Feir Propect (R Begger, 5-13 tov); 3, Cernet (C Greet, 20-1); Auto PANE, (U-S Easy Own (SH), 8 kettre (Art), 20 Segment, Beller Times Ahead (ur), 50 Roman Heut (pu), Roomers Tophe, 65 Accessorierrecepts, Baylond Easyly poly, Keep Bedding (M2), Surest Dancer, Sidgern Wood (pu), 14 ran. 7, 5; 241, 81, 10, N Tinider at Matton, Tote: £11.50; £2.00, £1.50, £6.90. DP: CD.40, CSF £18.85.

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1.15 (3m ch) 1, Germeanstrath (P Mo Dermott, 12-1; 2, Kristerson (12-1; 3, Robsin (8-1), Helio Georgie 8-11 tax, 8 ran. 12, 154, R Hertop, Tota: 212.50; 54.50, 52.70, 52.00, 05- 525.00, CSP 2124.68,

X124.08.
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3.15 (3m: hdie) 1. Spart Of Peace (P. Midginy, 4-6 my; 2. Eassiern Cents (R-1); 3. Pose Tablanu (4-1), 7 mm. 9, %1. P. Bloot, ley, Tose, E1.60; £1.50, £3.10. DF: £15.50. CSF: £5.43. Placepot: C782.58.

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12.55 (2m 4f hdie) 1, Den Keydrey (Dale McKoown, 8-1); 2, High Chatteu (4-5 tayl; 3, Farre And Glory (5-1); 6 ran, 20, 41. Miss B Sanders. Tota: 257.20; 23.80, 21.10. DF (winner or second with any other): 21.20. CSF: 218.28. 1.25 (2m hdie) 1, Solitary Resper (Dele McKourn, 5-4 styl; 2, Lale Mecane (3-1); 3, Porthyne's Pride (9-1); 9 ran. 10, 20, Miss B Sanders. Total: 22-40; 21-50, F1.90, 21.00, Dr. 212.50, CSF: ML70, After objection by second to wreak result

1.55 (2m hdie) 1, Pocketed (M Ahem, 5-4); 2, Windsor Park (8-13 fav); 2 ran. J Jenkins, Tote: £1.40.
2.25 (2m 4f hdie) 1, Escribers (8e Ahem, 11-4); 2, Oxymeron (4-5 fav); 3, Quey Wall (11-4) 3 ran. ½1, 121, J Jenkins, Tose 23,00, LP £1.50 CSP: £5.01. 1.55 (2m holis) 1, Water Rese (C Desposey, 7-2); 2, Bon Resour (9-2); 3, Desarte Relation (5-4 fav). 6 ran. 9, 21. W G Turner, Tota: 22.80; 22.00, 25.80. DP; E17.00. CSP: £18.54. 125 (2n note) 1, Outlier L'Essei (Date McKeown, 8-4): 2, Disneyland (11-10 fav); 3, Belletico (10-1), 6 ran, 31, 301, Miss 8 Sanders, Toes: 22-10; 21-50, 27-10, DF; 21-20, CSF; E3-77.

Placepot: £120.10.

By Michael Seely Racing Correspondent

A fabulous Irish weekend bon-A goulding frish weekenst bons anza may be in store for Bryan McMahon, Peter Moss and Les Perry, the connections of Ca-shew King, surprise winner of the PML Lightning Novices' Chase at Ascot yesterday.

About two hours later the Steffordshire trainer and his two owners flew from Heathrow to Dublin to watch Peanuts Pet, Cashew King's half-brother, take on Fragrant Dawn in The Ladbroke at Leopardstown this

"It's the sort of thing you dream about," said McMahon, "but the reality is somewhat different. However, Peanuts Pet has a good each-way chance and I backed him at 33-1. He's sure to finish in the first four."

This is an extraordinary story.

Apart from Cashew King and
Peanuts Pet, Young Snugfit,
yesterday's runner-up, is also a
half-brother, being out of the
same mare, Sinzinbra.

The old adage about backing the outsider of three runners certainly proved successful. The Proclamation, Nicky Hender-son's impressive Ascot winner, shared avouritism at 11-10

The video tape spousured by the

National Trainers' Federation in conjunction with the Careers and Occupational Information

and Occupanional information Centre is proving highly successful and now a more detailed leaflet is being published to send to potential stable employees.

Lasting 20 minutes, the film

concentrates on the working en-vironment of the racing stable. It is a realistic appraisal of the job and includes the rewards of

working with horses but stresses

the unsocial hours and the lim-

Call Collect, impressive winner

of last season's Seagram

Foxhunters' Chase at Liverpool,

returns to racing next month in preparation for the Grand

last season, in hunter chases and

everything will be geared to-wards the Grand National,"

explained Lynn Parkes, wife of

the trainer, John, yesterday. "With the hunter chase season

"He will be campaigned, like

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Perfect start to McMahon's weekend King was a 12-1 chance.
The Prociamation and Rich-

The Proclamation and Richard Dunwoody came to grief at the fourth fence. Young Snugfit, not nearly as fluent as at Kempton, made a mistake two fences later and finally surreadered the advantage to Cashew King when jumping slowly at the last open ditch, four from home.

David Elsworth reported at Ascet yesterday that Desert Orchid had stopped coughing and had a good chance of being ready for the Agfa Diamond Chase at Sandowa Park on Enhances 3 February 3.

Two seasons ago Cashew King won the County Hurdle at the National Hunt Festival. That Cheftenham win and yes-terday's victory have given Mo-Mahon the two most valuable successes of the hard-working and astute Midland trainer's 25-"He'll probably go for the

Nottinghamshire Novices' Chase next, then it will be either the Arkle or the Sun Alliance at Cheltenham. Basically he needs

Disappointed with Young Saugit, Oliver Sherwood said afterwards: "That just wasn't

By Graham Rock

pationwide, to careers offices, Technical Vocation Education

Institutes and video lending libraries. Craig Nicholl of the Careers In Focus series said that the response from schools had been excellent. The horse racing video is one of 21 titles, aimed at 15 to 22 seemodels.

It was shown on Channel 4 during a racing programme last month, when interested viewers were asked to write to the Stable

Bill Adams, National Sec-

Call Collect on course for National

By Christopher Goalding

by an effortless 20 lengths from Risk A Bet under the guidance of Raymond Martin, the 45-

year-old irish amateur.
"Raymond will again have the ride," added Mrs Parkes.

"Call Collect has improved

from last season and has en-

joyed his break, hunting with

February 10." Last season, the ably just have two outings nine-year-old showed his ability before the National and I expect to bandle the formidable National sences when striding home foxbunters' at the Chehenham

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15 to 23-year-olds.

Lads' Association.

ited opportunities of progressing to a career as a jockey.

Over 1,300 complimentary copies have been distributed career. "About half of them

the horse we saw at Kempton, Whether he's sickening for something, only time will tell." Despite their setback with The Proclamation, Henderson and Dunwoody had earlier

struck a handsome blow for Windsor House stables when Calabrese had beaten Ryde Again by two lengths in the Munns Electrical Handican

Starting a heavily-backed favourite at 5-4 on on the strength of his easy Cheltenham win, Calabrese was always going easily. The third horse home, Sterne, was a further 10 lengths in arrears.

Already raised in the weights after Cheltenham, the five-year-old now has incurred a 6lb

penalty for the Tote Jackpot Hurdle at Sandown on February 3, bringing his weight to 10st

"Coming back to two miles five furlongs won't worry him," said Henderson. "The uphill finish at Sandown will suit him After winning the First Nat-

ional Chase convincingly, Zuko's price for the Grand National was cut from 40-1 to 25-1 with most leading firms of bookmakers. Susa Mellor trains

came from people wanting information for their young relatives, grandchildren and so on, or from lads and lasses soo

young to start," he said.
Earlier this week Barney Griffiths, director of the British
Racing School at Newmarket,

said that applications to join the

course beginning on February 5
were at a "worrying low level."
The school recently linked up
with the Government's Youth
Training Scheme, so the lack of

recruits has come at an embarrassing time, but on Monday Bill Adams will take his letters to Barney Griffiths,

which should solve the problem.

festival. Last season he ruined

his chance in the race with a bad

mistake but still managed to

Call Collect will be attempting to emulate Grittar, the last hunter chaser to go on to Grand

finish third."

Afterwards Mellor said: "We'll now give him a rest and give him one or possibly two races in Mirch before Aintree.

Mark Perrett will keep the ride as we couldn't possibly take him off now aithough Gareth Charles-Jones's job is still open Macroom will not be enured for the National. "Earlier in the week when the ground was soft I fancied Macroom, but when it started to dry up I preferred Zuko. Macroom really wants a

left-handed track and softer going so we will be looking for somewhere with those conditions." Perrett is excelling himself at present and the jockey went on to complete a double when riding Loren's Courage to a hard earned two-length win over Stratford Ponds in the Hairy Mary Novices' Hurdle. Exciting Prospect, the 7-4 favourite, was outpaced in the straight and finished 15 lengths away third.

The Mellor pair were split by Bellyhane, who ran a fine race but found the concession of 25th to the improving winner beyond his powers.

The Mellor pair were split by Bellyhane, who ran a fine race prove as he learns to relax and he should be all right by Cheltenham. winner of the meeting when Peter Scudamore rode Sayyure

to a 12-length win in the opening Silver Donor Novices Hurdle. Sertorius, the favourite, appeared not to stay the distance and finished third, 24 lengths behind the winner. Nigel Tinkler trains the win-ner for Brian Lovrey and Ray-mond Gomersall. "We said

enough for Cheltenham," said Racing next week

MONDAY: Cartisia, Fontivell Park, Southwell (AW).
TUESDAY: Sedgefield, Worcester, Fokestone, Southwell (AW).
WEDNESDAY: Ludlow, Windsor, Lingfield Park (AW).
THURSDAY: Newton Abbot, Ling-lield Park (AW).
FRIDAY: Konnoton Park Catteriols. FRIDAY: Kempton Park, Catterick Bridge, Towcester, Southwell (AW), SATURDAY: Haydock Park, Kempton Park, Wanwick, Catterick Bridge, See Walley to bold

"He jumps all right at home," Success of stable lads' video Mitchell split rumours remain unconfirmed

A newspaper report that Richard Mitchell, trainer at the multi-million pound Whitcombe Manor complex in pound Dorset, will be replaced at the end of the season was not confirmed yesterday by either Mitchell himself or Peter Bolton, who owns the yard.
Neither Mitchell nor Bolton
would comment although the
owner intends to make a state-

Mixed fortunes for Bradley

bouncing back to partner City Entertainer to victory in the Kerwick Handicap Chase. City Entertainer, once thought of as a potential Gold

hunter chaser to go on to Grand
National glory. He was also
successful in the Foxhunters
his first winner for two weeks starting at the end of the month, the Sinnington foxbounds in the plan is to send him to Ayr on north Yorkshire. He will prob
1982.

when Wrekin Hill made a successful debut over fences.

ment on the future of the operation in about two weeks' The 112-box Whitcombe sta-The 112-box Whitcombe sta-bles, set in 1,000 acres of countryside, boast some of the best facilities in the country. After a slow start to the season, the stable's runners have fared better in recent weeks and Cool Ground gave Mitchell his

Graham Bradley experienced the peaks and troughs of jump racing at Wetherby yesterday, narrowly escaping injury in a fall from Gospel Rock in the Whixley Novices' Hurdle before

Cup winner, took command two out and held on to beat Oaken by 1½ lengths. Charlotte
Postlethwaite, the winning
trainer, said: "City Entertainer
has had a lot of trouble with a

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Llewellyn suspension overturned

Carl Liewellyn had a two-day riding ban lifted yesterday when he successfully appealed against the suspension at the Jockey Club's headquarters in London. Liewellya, stable jockey to Tim Forster, was banned by the Felkestone stewards for improper use of the whip on Cloven Rocks, threequarters of a length second to Mr Pinkerton in the Fair Rossmund Handicap Chase on January 5.

The horse returned to the

The horse returned to the examine from two wounds on his offside quarters, but yesterday Liewellyn produced veterinary evidence which mislies the disciplinary committee that the injuries were not caused by the jockey's whip.

the jockey's whip.

"The stewards made the right decision on the day," Liewellyn said. "The pictures showed that the borse had been injured but when the blood was washed off it revealed two horizontal cuts.

"It was clear from the video of the race that this injury was sustained when Cloven Rocks collided with the plastic running rail which was sticking out on the sharp bend as the borses went out on the final circuit.

"Barry Park, our own yet, said "Berry Park, our own vet, said

"Barry Park, our own vet, said there was no way the cuts were caused by the whip. My arm was never above shoulder height and I only hit the horse six times from the second last."

Liewellyn, who has ridden 16 winners so far this season and is best known for his association with the Forster-trained Pegwell Bay, would have missed tomor-Bay, would have missed tomorrow and Monday.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Tota Jackpot Handicap Hardia, Sandown: Calepasz. All engagements (deed): Rosle's Justper, Young Aspiration, Ruby Flight.



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Panto Prince to steal Ascot show

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Barnbrook Again a late defector, Panto Prince has an outstanding chance of winning the valuable Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot this afternoon.

In my view the Chris Popham-trained nine-year-old would still have had a good chance even if the winner of last season's Queen Mother Champion Chase had run because he would have been meeting him on 91b better terms than he did at Cheltenham last March.

In the corresponding race 12 months ago, Panto Prince contributed greatly to an unforgettable occasion when he his first three. It is that made Desert Orchid pull out consistency that gives him the all the stops before he won by a head. On that occasion he carried 10st 6lb and with only 51b more this time, he should be very hard to beat.

Going: good

1.00 Freeline Finishing.

1.35 Pukka Major. 2.05 PANTO PRINCE (nap).



Chris Popham: trains the fancied Panto Prince

This season Panto Prince has been a model of consistency, finishing second in his last three races after winning edge over Long Engagement and Vodkatini in my book. post, Pukka Major should

2.35 Keep Hope Alive. 3.05 French Goblin. 3.40 Persillant.

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Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely

1.35 Pukka Major. 2.5 Meikleour. 2.35 KEEP HOPE ALIVE (nap).

1.0 PHILIP CORNES NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,314: 2m 4f) (15

BETTING: 2-1 Do Se Brief, 4-1 Freeline Frustring, 5-1 Cardinal Raiph, 8-1 Seau Parl, 10-1 Arctic Baron, 1 Bonanza Rebel, 14-1 Munjarid, Okeetee, 20-1 Others. 1989: PERTEMPS NETWORK 5-11-6 P Scudamore (8-11 lav) M Pipe 15 ran

FORM FOCUS BEAU PARI was Chepstow (2m 41, sort) finishing 435 4th of 9 the photoset to Regal Ambition. CARIDINAL RALPH showed improved form to best Riversino 2½1 at Fosters (2m 51, heavy); earlier stayed on strongly to defeat Height Of Fun 34 Kempton (2m, good) with Fosters (2m, good) when quickering to best Towcester (2m, good) when quickering to best Towcester (2m, good) when quickering to best Riversino 2½1 at Towcester (2m, good) when quickering to best Towcester (2m, good) when quickering to best Towcester (2m, good) when quickering to best Wester (2m, good) when quickering to best Wester (2m, good) when quickering to best Riversino (2m 67, good).

REFERRE FSHRRG** was pushed clear to best Wester (2m, good) with 1½1 at Chepstow (2m, good).

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SETTING: 2-1 Fu's Lady, 5-2 Why So Hasty, 3-1 Pukka Mejor, 8-1 Oregon Treil, 10-1 The Dragon ster, 16-1 Ten Of Spades.

1989: DELIUS 11-12-0 8 Dowling (3-1 jt-fav) R Lee 7 ran

FORM FOCUS PURKA MAJOR won a good style at Towcester (2m 50yd, soft) in March.

Towcester (2m 50yd, soft) in March.

MYV SO HASTY, homen? a useful insert classe in Ireland, made a very pleasing obout for new world be well treated if capable of reproducing the form when beating Woodelde Road 12 at Chellen-term (3m 2f, good to firm).

OREGAN TRALL has proved difficult to train and could only finish 7/4 and of 15 to Russione when odds-on at Hardford (2m 3f, heavy). THE DRAGON MASTER, a Departments sort, carried finisher armses.

2.5 VICTOR CHANDLER HANDICAP CHASE (230,377: 2m) (12 runners)

Long handleng: Melkleou: 9-15, Feroda 9-15, Norion's Coin 9-9, Nohalmdun 9-8, Hogmanay 9-4, Blueberry King 9-3, Star's Delight 9-2.

1999: DESERT ORCHID 10-12-0 S Sherwood (5-4 lav) D Eleworit: 5 ran

BETTING: 11-4 Blueberry King, 4-1 Pento Prince, 9-2 Peerlyman, 7-1 Long Engagement, 8 10-1 Nohelmdun, 12-1 Feroda, Star's Delight, 16-1 Meikleour, 20-1 Norton's Coin, 25-1 Hogme

Selection: FUS LADY

1.35 JOCK SCOTT HANDICAP CHASE (£8,460: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

form when bearing Woodside Road 121 at Chelter-form when bearing Woodside Road 121 at Chelter-nate: (3m 21, good to firm).

OREGAN TALL. has proved difficult to train and could only finish T/si lard of 5 to Russions which odds-on at Heroford (2m 61, heavy). THE DRAGO-MANTER, a progressive sort, gamed intest success

made a valiant attempt to give them both 24lb. Pukka Major 13lb.

Earlier in the season Panto Prince managed to give Clever Folly 5lb and an eight-length beating over today's minimum trip at Uttoxeter. In that sort of form he will be very hard to contain.

The decision to run Pearlyman with top weight has meant that all those below Vodkatini will be carrying between 11b and 12lb more than their allotted weight in the long handicap.

As for Pearlyman, the winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase in 1987 and 1988, he nearly staged a great comeback at Wetherby last month after missing the whole If, by the time he goes to of last season while he recovered from leg trouble. As it have already won the Jock was, he still did well to go

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With expected improvement, Pearlyman should account for Nohalmdun this time without being quite able to cope with Panto Prince.

As intimated earlier, I expect the Jock Scott Handicap Chase to be won by Panto Prince's conqueror at Kempton, Pakka Major, who may have most to fear from Fu's Lady, who was still in contention and going well when she fell three out at Haydock a week ago.

With Mark Pitman going to Ireland to ride Dis Train for his mother, Jenny, Michael Bowlby takes the rides on Do Be Brief and Egypt Mill, her fancied runners for the Philip Cornes Novices' Hurdle Oualifier and the Durham Ranger Novices' Hurdle infection.

Scott Handicap Chase, Panto under by only half a length respectively. In my view, they Prince's chance will look even and the same to Ida's Delight will excel if they manage to brighter. For last time out he and Nohalmdun when giving cope with Freeline Finishing (1.0) and Keep Hope Alive (2.35), both of whom also won

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well first time out. French Goblin's proven ability to stay three miles entitles him to preference over Espy for the Peter Ross Novices' Chase,

Finally, nothing makes more appeal for the Warwick Premier Chase than Birling Jack who was still going well in the Rowland Meyrick Chase at Wetherby on Boxing Day when he misjudged the sixth last fence and unscated his rider.

Elsworth absentee Barnbrook Again, David Elsworth's champion twomile chaser, misses today's Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot because of a minor

Guide to our in-line racecard

TITLE GOOD TIMES IS OFF JUD ON'S D FLORISHING HAR 12-0. Recogning number. Six-figure form (F - fell, distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in P - pulled up. U - unseated rider, B - brought down. S - stipped up. R - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, bard, G - good. D - disqualitied). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since last ouring: F if flat. (B - blinkers, brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider virtue. U - visor. H - hood. E - Eyesheld. G - course and landscaper's rating.

2.35 DURHAM RANGER NOVICES HURDLE (£3,340: 2m) (9 runners) ... If Bouley 1 of 402 11-1 KEEP HOPE ALIVE 5 (0,0,5) (Nrs J Donnetly) B Curiey 8-11-12 D Marphy 87
403 ANOTHER BUCK (D Honon) C Brooks 5-11-9 P Scudemore P Scudemore Constitution of the Constitution of th

1989: SONDRIO 8-12-0 P Scudamore (2-7 lav) M Pipe 7 ran FORM FOCUS EGYPT MELL ampressed on his only start to date when comfortably beating Bebil (winner since) 10% at Towcester (2m. good).

KEEP HOPE ALIVE, winner of both his NH flat races last year, comfortably best Sibton Abbey 51 at Wolverhampton on his hurding debut (2m. good).

CORBITT'S DIAMOND, who makes his hurding debut, best Foggy Sootch 11/1 in a Hexham NH flat.

race (2m, good to firm) and has since changed exables. HIGH NODDY 2/2nd of 14 to Afford at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, firm) on his last completed outing. ROYAL BOROUGH, makes his hurding debut, was a lair handicapper on the Flat winning his panultimate start over 12/2 at Newcastie (good).

Selection: EGYPT MILL (map)

3.5 PETER ROSS NOVICES CHASE (Listed race: £7,317: 3m) (10 runners)

1989: SLALOM 8-12-0 J White (9-0 M Robinson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS PREMCH GOBLIN CONTINUED THE MISSISTER AT AT Kempton (3m, good): proviously slipped up at Chelhenham (2m 41, fmm). AMBRILLAM, sall to win in \$1 starts, besten over a distance when 4th of 6 to Cettic Shot at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, continued).

distance today. GOLDEN FOX 11 2nd of 13 to Skinnhill at Lalouster (2m 4f, good to firm). BRIGHTY FINE showed improved form on his seasonal debut when beating Knight Oil 121 at Towcester (2m 8f 11074, good). THELY STAR, makes his classing debut, ran wall when 123 to Arctic Teel at Wincamon (2m 6f, good).

3.40 TEAL AND GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,110: 2m) (21 runners)

..... T Morgan B de Hann M Perrett .. B Postell A McCabe (7)
D Murphy
S McNell Det Militer R Campbell 95 M Bowlby © 98

BETTING: 11-2 Persitent, 6-1 Moody Man, 7-1 L'Uomo Plu, 8-1 Battalion, Aferimoun, 10-1 Ardbrin, bassador, 12-1 Creeager, Elegant Stranger, 14-1 Nice Dynasty, 16-1 Regal Castie, 29-1 others. 1888: AFARISTOUM 5-11-2 T Morgan (13-2) J Edwards 17 ran FORM FOCUS AFARISTON put up best effort on perulitimate start when 4%1 3rd of 6 to Lladest in a Sandown sisted event (2m, good). PERSILLANT %1 2nd of 9 to Wonder Man at Kempton (2m, good) with AFARISTON (6th better off) 1%1 5th.

MODDY MAN best Start Sesson 77 at Newton Abbot (2m 150), heavy with AMBASSADOR (10th better off) 23%1 4th and KIMO RETAIN (10th better off) 23%1 4th and KIMO RETAIN (10th better off)

pulled up. AMEASSADOR put up best effort on purumments start when heading Lizzy Longatoching 71 at Taunton (Zm 110yd, firm). GREEAGER 451 3rd of 9 to Landatti at Wegnerby (Zm, good to soft; previously 41 3rd of 7 to Tidesbo at Doncaster (Zm 150yd, firm). ELEGANT STRANGER 73 3rd of 12 to Reggas Yeoman at Fontwell (Zm 21, good). previously best Big Diemond 13s1 at Feloritism (Zm 00yd, 2016).

Course specialists

last season when besting Prize Asset 11 with MENG_EOUR (4th better off) 1% harrier away in 3rd and LONG ENGACEMENT (8th worse off) over 81 away last of the 5 findamens and VODKATHE reliating to race.

NOHALMOUN XI and to lot's Delight at Wetherby (2m 50yd, good) with PEARLYMAN (same terms) having his tirst run for two seasons only XI away in 3rd and LONG ENGALEMENT such behind and pulled up.

SILIESSENT KIND, impressive in winning his test two starts, the latest of Manufacture (2m 16th de. pulled up.

BILLEBERRY KIMIQ, impressive in whenlog his test two starts, the latest, of Newbury (2m 160yd, good) when left clear to beat labelms Spring 12 with VODDIATHS SIR in tools when coming to grid 3 out.

STARTS VELUCITY faces his stiffwel task of the season and racing off a 16th higher mark than when set clear to beat the removement the Survival a discussive at Heydock (2m, sort). TRAINERS JOCKEYS

1,45 SHOVELLER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,786: 2m) (11 runners)

NEWCASTLE

Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Just Another Sip. 1.15 Dalkey Sound.

FORM FOCUS MONTON'S CORE in when 371 less of 8 to Desert Orchid in the King George VI Chese at Kempton (Sm. ggod); earlier best Aughsmogus (levels) 2% at Chellenham (2m at Faint) Flinds ran on to be 381 2m of 5 to Pulke Major at Kempton (2m 4/, good) with MONTANANY (15th worse of) (If away in 3m.

NOMEANAY (18th worse off) 10 away in 3rd.
Live establishment run best race this session when stying on the bester to best besser to richid 2% at Sandown (2m189, good to firm) with HOGMANAY (8th bester off) 108 away in 4th.
MERCLEDURI risk bester off) 108 away in 4th.
Libid Establishment race this session over course and distance (good to firm) when melding all to best Libid Establishment (17) ab worse off) 5.
FERODA 61 2nd of 5 to Worl Of Bedenoch at Leopardstown (2m, yielding) last month. Looks reasonably treated on the form that saw him win his second race in two days at Liverpool (2m, heavy)

2.15 Polar Nomad. 2.45 Beau Guest. 3.15 Cool Strike.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 BEAU GUEST.

Going: good

12.45 TEAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,702: 2m 4f) (11 rumners) 1 2645-00 JUST ANOTHER SIP 16 (J Slade) J Fizgerald 8-11-10.
2 063- TRAUMATIC LAURA 409 (B) (Mrs S Newbould) 8 Wildinson 5-11-8.
3 58-858 ALACERIAN 10 (Mrs M Kempon) R Earnshew 5-11-6.
4 4-860 SOME HENO 29 (Mrs A Page) W A Stophenson 6-11-6.
5 POSSPO- LYPHEORIC 249 (N De Savery) Mrs J Rameden 5-11-3.
6 8008-00 ARCTICFLOW 17 (B) (N De Savery) Mrs J Rameden 5-10-9.
7 09-0008 SOVERAN 3 (A Beloy) A Bebry 6-10-9.
8 PF8 GONZO'S PET 16 (Mrs Q Walford) T Walford 9-10-8.
9 0005-0 CANTACORNER 18 (K Foster) Mrs S Austin 6-10-8.
10 SP/R-600 SUSH MAID 10 (P Liddle) P Liddle 7-10-2.
11 850006 MOVING TIME 18 (K Adey) N Chamberish 5-10-0.
Long hepdicase: Moving Time 9-9. ... J Sentos (7) G Herker
Our Lyone (5)
C Grant
P Niven MON-RUMBER ---..... 0 Wilkham

Long handicape Moving Time 9-9.

SETTING: 3-1 Alabebrun, 7-2 Just Another Slp, 5-1 Some Hero, 13-2 Lypheoric, 7-1 Soybean, 10-1 lymetic Laura, 16-1 Soybean, 20-1 others. 1989: LUMBERJACK 5-11-3 D Byrne (2-1 fav) J G FitzGerald 13 ran

1.15 TATTERSALLS NOVICES CHASE (Mares: Qualifier: £2,455; 2m 4f) (12 runners) 1.15 TATTERSALLS NOVICES CHASE (Mares: Qualitief: £2,455; 2

1 8-1127 DALKEY SOURD 18 (D.F.Q.S) (G Brown) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-11

2 08-P1F3 ANSWERS PLEASE 12 (F) (R Cooper) R Smyly 6-11-1

3 42-P019 GALA LOCH 16 (0) (S Farrell) S Payne 6-11-1

4 0-44109 ALISTARIS GRIL 28 (S) (Miss E Reed) W Reed 7-10-10

5 404-06 BRIGTS GAZELLE 10 (Mrs C Park) | Park 8-10-10

6 31P/4F5 BUCKBY POLLY 329 (S) (Miss E York) M Camacho 8-10-10

7 4201-44 DALBY GRIL 17 (S) (J Benbow) B McMathon 7-10-10

8 PM/P-P GO GREST 70 (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 8-10-10

9 468F5U POLITICAL PROSPECT 8 (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-10

10 POLILIBRIG (A Goran) J Ober 6-10-10

11 22 RADICAL LADY 11 (N Meson (Farms) Ltd) G Moore 6-10-10

12 5-4222 RUBYDORA 17 (S) (S Whigh) M H Eastarty 6-10-10

SETTING: 6-4 Dakey Sound, 7-2 Radical Lady, 9-2 Rubydora, 7-1 Answers Please _ P Niven © 98 Morrigan 88 _ C Grant 84 Mr N F Smith (7) . Gary Lyons (5) . T Reed SETTING: 6-4 Dakey Sound, 7-2 Redical Lady, 9-2 Rubydora, 7-1 Answers Pieses, 10-1 Daiby Girl, 12-1 Budby Folly, 16-1 others.

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1969: BELON BRIG 8-11-1 T Reed (4-1) J K M Oliver 9 ran



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11 SKOLERN 29 (F,O) (I Graves) Mrs P Berker 6-11-8 C Hendrine
21 TRIPLE TOP 12 (D,O) (I Graves) Mrs P Berker 6-11-8 A J Curian (S)
940 DAMIENS FELLOW 42 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 9-11-5 A Merrigan
19-SPP HEADLEYS BRIDGE 24 (S) (J Byrne) Niles J Eston 8-11-5 Ger Lyons (S)
0 MOMENT OF TRUTH 10 (P Purcell) P Monabit 6-11-5 Ger Lyons (S)
0 MOMENT OF TRUTH 10 (P Purcell) P Monabit 6-11-5 S Stormy
00 REGENT CROSS 18 (J Hisnson) W A Stephenson 9-11-5 C Grant
100 REGENT CROSS 18 (J Hisnson) W A Stephenson 9-11-5 C Grant
100 REGENT CROSS 18 (J Hisnson) W A Stephenson 9-11-5 Mr P Johnson (R Johnson R 11-5 Mr P Johnson (R Johnson R L)
11 LEIGH BOY 10 (D,O,S) (J Robson) G Moore 4-10-10 J Cattaghan (T) 6
11 LEIGH BOY 10 (D,O,S) (J Robson) G Moore 4-10-10 J Cattaghan (T) 6
11 P DINSDALE LAD 28 (Armstrong/Greenwell) M Bernee 4-10-7 K Jones
11 TINKS: 7-4 Groom Star, 3-1 Leigh Boy, 4-1 Stolern, 6-1 Triple Top, 10-1 Damiens Fellow, 1 C Handing A J Cutes (5) A Morrigan 77 BETTING: 7-4 Groom Star, 3-1 Leigh Boy, 4-1 Skolern, 6-1 Triple Top, 10-1 Demiens Fellow, 12-1 park Cross, 16-1 others. 1989: ANTINIOUS 5-11-13 R Marley (13-8 lav) M H Easterby 13 mm 2.15 PINTAIL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,460: 3m 6f) (4 runners) 1969: POLAR NOMAD 8-10-0 A Mentigan (9-4) W A Stephenson 5 ran 2.45 BELSAY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,558: 2m) (9 runners) 2 11112 BLAZING WALKER 31 (C.F.Q.S) (P Piler) W.A. Stephenson 6-12-7 ... 2 QS220-3 MORTON WARRIOR 15 (C.F.) (J Linley) M.H. Easterby 7-10-11 ... 2 QS220-3 MORTON WARRIOR 15 (C.F.) (J Linley) M.H. Easterby 7-10-11 ... 2 23321 BEAU GUEST & (D.F.) (W.R. Loffbouse) B. Wildmon 8-10-2 ... 4 P20-112 KNOCK THRICE 33 (D.F.) (W.R. Loffbouse) B. Wildmon 8-10-0 ... 5 133/UP- PARANIC 296 (F.G.) (296) (F.T. Watnys) P. Waltony 9-10-0 ... 6 000301- MASTER SALESMAN 255 (F.) U. Welton) F. Walton 7-10-0 ... 7 4000/0-5 NIPPER SAIRTH 10 (S) (J. Skelton) J. Skelton 7-10-0 ... 8 534P54 POLAR DELTA 33 (D. McCastdii) D. McCastdii 8-10-0 ... 9 405F03 MEATHER MOTH 11 (Development Ltd) T. Cunningham 8-10-0 ... Long bandicase: Moster Salasman 9-1 Microer Scalib 8-12 Polar Delta 8-7-Mo C Grant 99 L Wyer 85 ... H Smith (7) 4 99 ... G Harker 95 T Reed Long hendicep: Mester Seleman 9-1, Nipper Smith 9-12, Polar Delta 9-7, Heather Moth 8-7.

BETTAND: 15-8 Swan Great, 5-2 Bading Watter, 7-2 Norton Warrior, 4-1 Knock Thrice, 12-1 Parano, 16-1-rs.

1909: MAREJO 8-11-0 B Storey (13-6 fav) F T Watter 6 ran

3.15 BITTERN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,924: 2m 4f) (5 runners) C Great 98 ... L Wyer 94 . Ger Lyons (3) ---....... B Storey 98 T Reed @ 99 Long Nurticep: Lacober 9-12.

BETTRIG: 11-8 fbn Majed, 3-1 Cool Strike, 10-3 Lacider, 4-1 Villerstown, 20-1 Harley. 1989: GOWAN HOUSE 10-11-10 A Merrigan (11-4) W A Stephenson 4 ran 3.45 CORAL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURTOKE (\$2,469: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

Laws handloas: Samonia 9-10.

> 1989: DOWN FLIGHT 9-9-12 P Caldwell (8-1) T H Caldwell 6 ran Course specialists



WARWICK ---Selections

By Mandarin 12.45 Caoran Mona. 1.15 Class Act. 1.45 Birling Jack. 2.15 Viscount Tully. 2.45 Willsford. 3.15 Traveller's Trip. 3.45 Black Comedy.

Going: good to soft

12.45 SHERBOURNE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,800: 2m) (14 runners)

10 6-23 TERRIA DI SIENA 15 (CO.F.S) P Hoods N-10-9... D Head 11 402- William THE WITCH 325 (CO.S) K Bridgesian 6-10-8 12 3PS/ CORAL HAMBOUR 18 (ILD.F.O.M.A Barrow 6-10-8

13 00 DENBOY 18 B Stevens 8-10-1 M Stevens (5)
14 500 DOCTOR'S REMEDY 9 (6) M Tate 4-10-0
D Bridguater (5) 7-2 Caoren Mone, 9-2 Terre Of Stene, 5-1 Corel Herbour, Manir's Missales, 6-1 Titus Gald, 10-1 others. 1.15 LEASOWES NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O:

£1,360: 2m) (25)

1 060 ARDORAN 12 Miss S Wilton 10-10 _____ S Device (S)
CHATTERS 218F M Madgwick 10-10... D Madgwick (7)
3 06 CHEEKY FOX 21 J Bosley 10-10.... W McFarland (3)
4 00 CHRSTHAR HOLS 33 J Bosley 10-10.... W McFarland (3)
5 0 CLASS ACT 17 N Henderson 10-10.... J Walste
6 0 COXANN 17 J McCorsoche 10-10.... J Walste
7 4 KINFEDDARD 12 T Hallers 10-10... D Morts
8 0 MASTER THATCHER 21 A Chambertan 10-10 W Mords
9 5F22 HENJA 4 (BF) D Nicrolson 10-10... R Bellamy (5)
10 RAGLAN STREET 196F K Balloy 10-10. J Lawsence (3)
11 0 RARE FISH 15 G Batting 10-10... A Charlion (3)
12 SCANLET LEGEND 142F Mrs L Piggott 10-10

5-2 Ninus, 4-1 Snugitt's Image, 5-1 Top Villain, 8-1 leboard, 10-1 Class Act, 12-1 Red Saits, 14-1 others. 1.45 WARWICK PREMIER CHASE (£4,308: 3m 1f) 1 00-1 PHAROAM'S LAEN 18 (CO.F.G.S) M Pipe 9-11-10 Mr A Walter 2 F1-1 NO ONE TO BLAME 18 (D.F.S) N Henderson 8-11-7

J White 3 -292 STEEPLE VIEW 15 (Q) O Sherwood 9-11-7 M Richards 4 18-U BREANG JACK 18 Sh J Edwards 9-11-3 D Togg 5 P1-6 SHEAKAPEMIY 16 (A)39 M Wilkinson 8-11-3 7-4 Birting Jack, 2-1 Pherosh's Leen, 4-1 Steeple View, 6-1 No One To Blame, 12-1 Sneskapenny. 2.15 ALDERMINSTER HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,099: 2m 5f) (22) 1 -30F GALA'S IMAGE 11 (C.F.Q.S) J McConnochie 10-12-0 2 1020- TUGBOAT 197F (D,F,Q,S) P Mekin 11-11-13 3 40-0 BLACK MONGEY 18 (S) P Hedger 8-11-8 D O'Subsect (7) 4 50-2 TABLEMA LOND 16 (Q,B,D) A.1 Wilson 9-11-8 5 1-PF KINGHTON LAD 28 (0,5) Ø Sherwood 9-11-8 رق برسدا 8 6-84 DROWSY 17 (B.S) O Sherwood 8-11-4 A 5 Smith (7) 7 0561 VISCOURNT TULLY 25 (5) C Juckson 5-11-2 J Bryan III - - - JAMES MY BOY 7 (5) M Dickinson 10-11-0

MARKET RASEN

Selections By Mandarin

1.0 Rambo Castle, 1.30 Massoon, 2.0 Brabazon, 2.30 Torside, 3.0 Dipyn Bach, 3.30 Lord Torenaga, 4.0 Father Time.

Going: good to soft

1.0 GRIMSBY NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,842: 2m) (15 runners) m) (15 runners)

1 P112 M-KEEPING OF CLOFF, SIM Pipe 11-1 th Machine (7)

2 1 RAMBO CASTLE 28 (0.5) \$ Norton 11-1 J O'Gorman (8)

3 00 A PRIEMO OF MINE 17 M Tomplers 10-10 10 11 PLYING HYDE J NOTON 10-5 WOODS IN SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF

13-8 Rambo Castle, 9-4 In-Keeping, 5-1 Third Son, 8-therstone, 14-1 A Friend Of Mine, 16-1 others. 1.30 GRANTHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£3,231; 2m)

7)
1 D211 MARROON 12 (D,F,Q,S) Denys Smith 7-11-12
Mr P McMahaer
2 -88U CONCID 15 (D,F,Q,S) Nrs E Heath 11-10-13
Mr P McClang-Jones (E)
3 NY32 VULKORYS CLOWN 18 (D,F,Q,S) O Brossen 12-10-11
M Brossen 4 P/P LIGHTWATER AGAIN 45 (2) C Boover 8-10-0 J C Corman (2 5 088- SIDVIC 252 (D,G,S) R Woodhouse 11-10-0 ... C Ryan (7 1-2 Mesnoon, 4-1 Vuirony's Clown, 10-1 Corked, Skiwio, 16-ghtwater Again.

2.0 SLEAFORD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,037: 3m)

3)
1 0-33 BRABAZON 14 M Tompkins 5-11-12.... 8 Built-Eccles
2 5214 KINGS RANK 21 (B.BF.F.G.S) M Pips 5-11-5... J Lower
5 F-35 ROWLANGSONS TROPHY 18 (5) K Carringson-Erown
5-11-38 Aroot 4 4-31 IT'S A LONG WAY 12 (D,Q) W Certer 7-17-3 Amost
5 -803 MORE DISTRICT 8 (G,S) J Jefferson 8-17-2 ... R Fathey
6 456- ROSIE CONE 296 (S) Mrs P Sy 8-10-11-2 ... Reachel Haiden (7)
7 3200 MONRITA 18 (S) C Bell 8-10-7 Reachel Haiden (7)
8 544 GUICX RESICTION 14 (F) Mrs E Heem 7-10-2
8 Tismer 9 -ON PEELING ROSET 9 (0.5) D Todd 8-10-1 STumer 90 ESP1 CHAMSE THE MARKE 10 (8.9) P Blockley 7-10-1 C Kelling

11 6/F- KOFR 462 (S) F Yerdey 8-10-0 12 405 ABMA GUYA Y (F) Romaid Thompson 7-10-0 J K Killen 13 P DEEP AUGURN Y 21 Whitengon 17-10-0 J K Killen 2-1 Brabezon, 5-2 Kings Rank, 5-1 Krs A Long Way, 11-2 owlandsons Trophy, 13-2 More Distinct, 10-7 others. 230 STAMFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,947: 2m 51) (7)

1 2-13 TORSIDE 16 (BF.F.Q.S) M Pipe 11-11-10 J Lower 2 -8-11 FRACEST 7 (C.Q.S) P Evers 7-10-7 M Research 2-10-7 M Resear

LINGFIELD PARK Selections

By Mandarin 12.55 Looting, 1.25 Gibbot, 1.55 Den's Song, 2.25 Tender Charm, 2.55 Masroug, 3.25 Hit the High Spots.

Going: standard Draw: 5f-1m, low numbers best 12.55 RACING POST ALL WEATHER CHALLENGE **HANDICAP** (£2,761: 6f) (9 runners)

11-4 My Pal Popeye, 7-2 Looting, 4-1 Yeoman Force, 11-2 emuring, Orchard's Pet, 8-1 Crall Harbour.

1.25 PRIMROSE HANDICAP (£2,553: 1m 2f) (16) 1 002- WYKEHAMIST 30 (CD,G,S) C Benetsed 7-9-10 5 5-43 ACONTUM 4 (F.C.S) J Jentino 9-9-4. 6 3/30- FORCELLO SZI (S) D Burchell 7-9-1 7 436- BIT OF A LASS 30 (D.F) D Arbuthnot 4-9-1

8 20-2 GEBOT 9 (D.F.S) P Howing 5-9-0 W Herside 11 9 521- CUT A CAPER 244 (CO.F) N O'Sullivan 8-8-13 12 29-3 COMENO GREL 11 (B,BF) A Hide 4-8-11 G Center 10
13 50-6 INCOLA 11 H Candy 4-8-10 C Parter 10
14 00-5 REPLACER 7 C Alien 4-8-8 Ribers 3
15 300-0 JOSHTYCH 9 K hosy 4-8-6 N Admin 14
16 005 DEWITZ 2BJ (5) C Holmes 8-8-5 T Quint 7
7-2 Welschamber 9-2 Chapter 8-8-5 T Quint 7

7-2 Wykshamist, 9-2 Gibbot, 5-1 Cut A Caper, 13-2 Sk Of A Lass, 7-1 Comino Girl, 10-1 Aconitum, Tarangs, 12-1 Forceso. 1.55 DAFFODIL HANDICAP (22,427: 1m) (9) 1 -442 REECHWOOD COTTAGE 4 (B,C,F,G,S) A Balay 7-10-0 Majody Town (7) 5 2 33-1 EVENING STAR 12 (V,D) A Hida 4-9-8 J Williams 6

10 P-85 JOHRNY SHARP 86 (F,6) Miss S Witton 6-10-13
11 8-P0 ES-PORT 17 (F,0,5) J Edwards 5-10-13 _______ D Trags
12 8-00 THE GAELCHARN 14 (S) C Brooks 8-10-9
13 ISP1 LAPIAFFE 15 (D,F,0) R Hodges 6-10-7 ____ W Invite (3)
14 P0F0 BASICT WEAVE 15 (CD,F,0,5) G Briding 9-10-5
8 Hodges (7)
15 50-41 TRUE BPARTAN 7 (C,5) G Prices 10-10-4... A Adams (3)
16 225/0 LAPOSSE 18 (G,5) Mrs J Pipman 9-10-3 ____ Mr R White
17 1000- STIKUT'S BROTHER 25' (CD,0,5) Miss E Sneyd 12-10-0
18 SP-02 CELTIC DOVE 4 K Bishop 7-10-3 ____ S Exile 4-1 Lapiette, 5-1 Persons Green, 6-1 Knighton Led, 8-1 Drowsy, 10-1 Viscount Tully, 12-1 The Geolgterm, 16-1 others. 245 EDWARD COURAGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,464: 2m 4f) (10) 1 214 AIKSHAVOGUE 246 (D.F.Q.S) C Broad 8-11-12 D Tegal 2 2/211 PUCKS PLACE 420 (D.F.Q.S) C Broad 8-11-12 A Adminis (3) 3 00-5 THE ARGONAUT 18 (CD.F.Q.S) F Walvyn 12-11-5 4 3P42 TENESAINT 14 (D.F.Q.S) C Saunders 9-11-6 Mr A Semective (7) 5 20F1 RUSTSTONE 21 (CD.Q.S) R Brown 10-11-4 J Brown (7) 6 -222 GEMBRIDGE JUPTER 18 (CD.F.Q.S) C Treetine 12-11-37 Owner 7 12-4 WILLSFORD 14 (B.BF.Q.S) Mrs. J Promin 7-10-12 7 12-4 WILLSFORD 14 (B,BF,Q,S) Mrs J Planan 7-10-12 8 22-2 KING OF THE LOT 15 (Q.S) R Lee 7-10-8... 8 Decking 9 1-00 DESP MAYESSOON 17 (C.F.Q.S) N Bradesch 11-10-1 White 10 -543 RADICAL REQUEST 12 (G,S) Graeme Ros 7-10-0 P McDentrott (7) 11-4 Willsford, 7-2 King Of The Lot, 9-2 Gembridge Jupiter, 11-2 Russiane, 5-1 Pucks Place, 10-1 colors. 3.15 BURTON HILL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,950: 1 1532- HOW NOW 266 (D.F.G.S) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-10 4 55P- HOLLIST 328 T Forsier 7-10-9 ... C Liewellyn 5 45P2 CASH CRISSS 49 (0.F) A Barrow 10-10-8 ... 8 Earlie 3-46 PAREONIE PLEASURE 15 bit Williamson 7-10-7 ... 3 Scort 7 -5R2 TRAVELLERS TRIP 22 (8) J Macanie 9-(0-0. 5 J O'Mail 2-1 High River, 5-2 Nearly Medina, 4-1 How Now, 6-1 House, 6-1 Cash Cress, 72-1 others. 9.45 HAMPTON HILL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,066: 2m) (24) 1 1116 MYDGORUS 14 (D.F.G) J Glover 5-12-0 J White 2 -461 ABBOTTS VIEW 24 (D.5) C Brooks 6-11-3 R Teegue (T) 3 22-0 GARCIA 12 (G) D Williams 6-10-13 L B Doras (Z) 4 SP65/ ALTO CLIRILUS SSET N Gaselee 8-10-11 A Adams (Z) 5 3601 LAUC MISSION 18 (G,D) D Nichotson 5-10-11 D Gallagher
168-P94 DON'T TELL RUTH 16 F Wathyn 8-10-0... R Chapters
17 00-0 STRIDE HOME (8) 18 M Madgard: 5-10-0... M Bouley
18 44E/P MARINER'S STAR 18 J Bosley 8-10-0... M Bouley
19 P9-4 AKROTER BAY 18 R Pros 6-10-0... M Aham (3)
20 5-00 HOWJAL 29 J Bosnock 5-10-0... M Aham (3)
21 0-97 LOTSCHEN LADY 12 D Gandolfo 6-10-0... M Sichards
225U-FP CAPTAIN MAY 71 R Peocock 6-10-0... S Daviss (5)
23 P-00 MILLMERRAN 12 C Broad 5-10-0... D Tegg
24 5200 BUCKSWILL 15 Mrs 6 Warng 6-10-0... J Robson
4-1 Libertanchus 4-1 Alberter Visus J Just Milssidon, 8-1 Thir 4-1 Hydeonius, 6-1 Abbotts View, Lake Mission, 8-1 The Red Line, Black Cornedy, 10-1 Western Divide, 12-1 others. Course specialists

TRANSPER K Bailey, 8 winners from 34 namera. 23.5%, M Ploe, 21 from 91. 23 1%; O Sherwood, 10 from 47, 21.3%; N Hen-derson, 11 from 52, 21.2%; G Price, 4 from 18, 21.1%; Mra J Pignan, 16 from 78, 20.5%. JOCKEYS: W Irvins, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; D Gallaghar, 3 from 17, 17 6%; D Togg, 3 from 25, 12.0%; J White, 3 from 27, 11.1%. C Llewellyn, 5 from 48, 10.4%. (Only qualifiers).

3.0 BOSTON CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,996: 2m) (20) 1 -000 ORIENTAL EXPRESS 7 (D.F.S) Ronald Thompson 7-11-12 J.K.Kinese 2 1031 DIPYN BACH 16 (B,D,F,Q,S) T McGovern 8-11-11 3 0 BEN MACK 18 C Bell 5-11-10 P Corrigue 4 3044 CELCRUB 7 (B.BP.D.P.G.B) M Pipe 6-11-10 5 /62 DIEGO RIVERA 11 (BF) M W Essarby 5-11-10 6 /P-F SILVER PATROL SI A Stringer 5-11-8 P Heros 7 PPPS DAUNTING PROSPECT 76 (D,S) M Chapman 5-11-8 7 PPPS DAUNTING PROSPECT TO (0.4) M Chapman 8-11-8

17 White (7)

8 02 TULLIM 10 Mins G Reveloy 5-11-7 R Hodge (7)

9 04 APPELLANT 10 10 Toping 5-11-5 S Beams Scries

10 PP TANG DYNASTY 12 (8) 5 Bowing 5-11-6 M Macpay

11 8030 HOISTED 29 C Smith 6-11-4 D Teller (7)

2 00 34 LINE 1717 J Miccob 8-11-2 R Garning (8)

13 8023 GO GO GOUSSEO 3 21 (87) F Jorgan 4-11-6 Lacker (8)

14 GIVE ALL C Sparse 4-10-12 K Posts

15 JPP HOLLOW WORKER 11F Mins N Macauley 8-10-12 5-2 Diego Filvera, 3-1 Go Go Gorgeous, 4-1 Dipyn Bad Calcius, 75-2 Tulum, 8-1 Nessfield, 12-1 poners.

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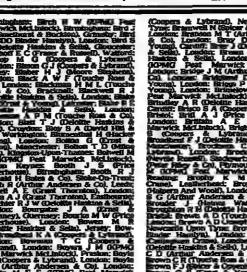
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A voice for the business end of the job

Accountants working in industry and commerce are now getting deserved recognition, Edward Fennell writes

lmost half the trainee passed their professional exams today are likely in due course to join industry or commerce. But does that mean they will leave the profession? Certainly not. "Once a chartered accountant, always a chartered accountant, the profession says. And the overwhelming majority of those who qualify as chartered accountants and then go into business are happy to continue their membership, at very modest cost, for years after they have left

As a spokesman for the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales pointed out, "for many, what counts is the status of their professional qualification, and so long as that status remains high they are happy to remain with the institute".

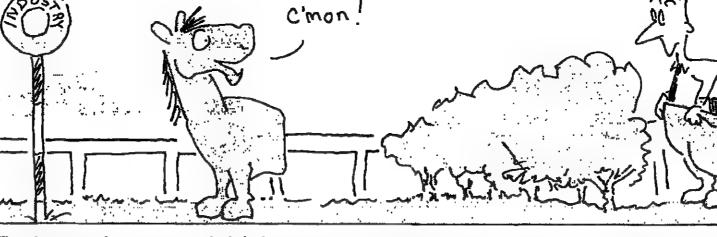
Despite the apparently high level of satisfaction among mem-bers, the institute itself has recently decided that the time has come to do more for its "non-practising" members. Recent re-forms set in train by the institute mean that the members in industry and commerce will no longer be overlooked in the institute's affairs but instead will be given a position and a voice representing their importance.

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The most obvious sign of this is accountants who have that a Board for Chartered Accountants in Business was set up within the institute at the start of this month. It will provide a focus for the interests of chartered accountants in industry and commerce and eventually a directly elected voice for business accountants. The board's chairman is Roger Lawson, a director of 3i and head of the group's international department As Lawson sees it, chartered accountants in business have been treated to some extent as second-class citizens and their true position and contribution should now be recognized.

"The old title for members in industry and commerce was 'chartered accountants not in public practice', which I regarded, frankly, as being derogatory and negative," Lawson says, "So the first step was to change the title to chartered accountants in business', which gives us equal status with other members.

"As part of this move we have also set up the board, which in due course will be made up of elected members. And on top of that we shall have a senate chaired by Sir Paul Girolami, the chairman of Glaxo, and consisting of very senior chartered accountants in business, who will advise the board on major issues."



These changes are an important acknowledgement of the way chartered accountants have used their skills and qualifications to "colonize" for the institute large parts of

the business world. But the timing of the move is also important. Traditionally the chartered accountants have been a self-regulating profession, but the 1989 Companies Bill introduced regulations for auditors that may mean that, for the first time, accountants would become effectively state-licensed auditors. Indeed, in West Germany this process has already happened and auditors' qualifications are awarded by that country's equivalent of the Inland Revenue.

Such a development would be anathema to British accountants, who cherish their wide-ranging independent role. Con-

sequently, the institute's members "not in public practice" have taken on a new significance. Whereas they were previously in danger of being marginalized as being atypical, they are now being thrust into the limelight as representing the profession's breadth, mobility, independence and seniority.

There is a lot of truth in this. For example, 60 per cent of the finance directors in *The Times* "Top One Hundred" companies are chartered accountants, whereas the number of top finance directors holding Master of Business Administration degrees, economics degrees, or even other accountancy qualifications is minimal by comparison. In short, there is significant evidence that a chartered accountant qualification is an excellent stepping stone for a

career in business management, and that people following that route deserve to have their role fully recognized, not be merely

n fact, the recent changes in the chartered accountants' qualifications system, permitting training in industry as well as in public practice, have already gone some way towards recognizing this, and the proposed changes in the examination syllabus will continue the trend even

There is another dimension to this upgrading of the business accountant. Because of the fall in the number of school-leavers the institute is bracing itself for an even harder fight during the 1990s to make its qualifications attrac-

Although the Fellowship of the Institute of Chartered Accountants is undoubtedly today's preeminent business qualification, it will face intense competition to retain this position as the supply of graduates is reduced.

It must, therefore, maintain its broadly based appeal. All the indications are that the trend towards members using their chartered accountancy training as a springboard into wider management will continue to rise.

A recent survey by Peat Marwick McLintock confirmed that the training and qualifications not the job of being an accountant attracts graduates. In fact, these graduates are seeking an entree into banking, industry or consultancy, and they see that the institute can provide this.

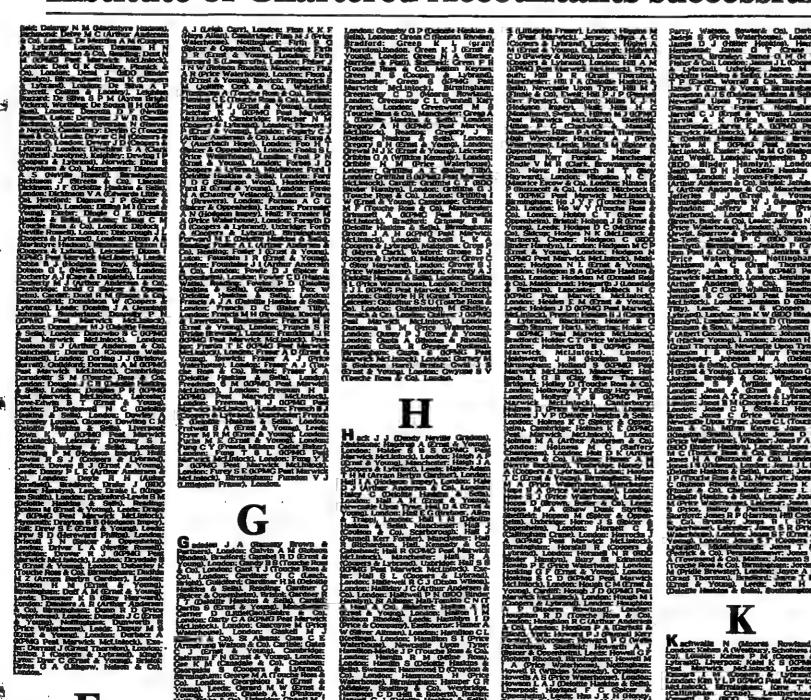
If the qualification is ever

suspected of becoming too narrow, however, or failing to meet business needs, or, worse still, becoming merely a state-approved auditors' certificate, those graduates are likely to switch their

interest elsewhere. "What we are trying to do by recognizing the valuable role of the members outside the pro-fessional offices is to bring the profession back together as a whole." Lawson says. "It is a very important endeavour because it symbolizes the way the institute as a whole is heading."

Like any process of reform, these developments at the in-stitute are bound to present difficulties. The old guard may feel that the break with tradition is a threat to the institute. But to do nothing would almost certainly be a greater threat still.

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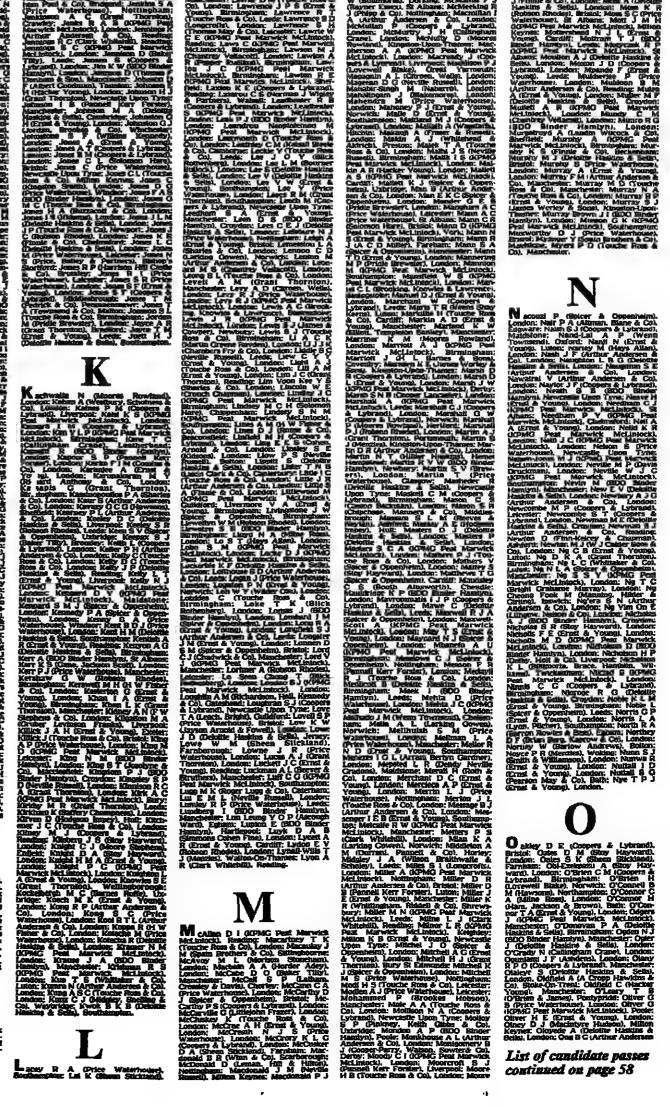


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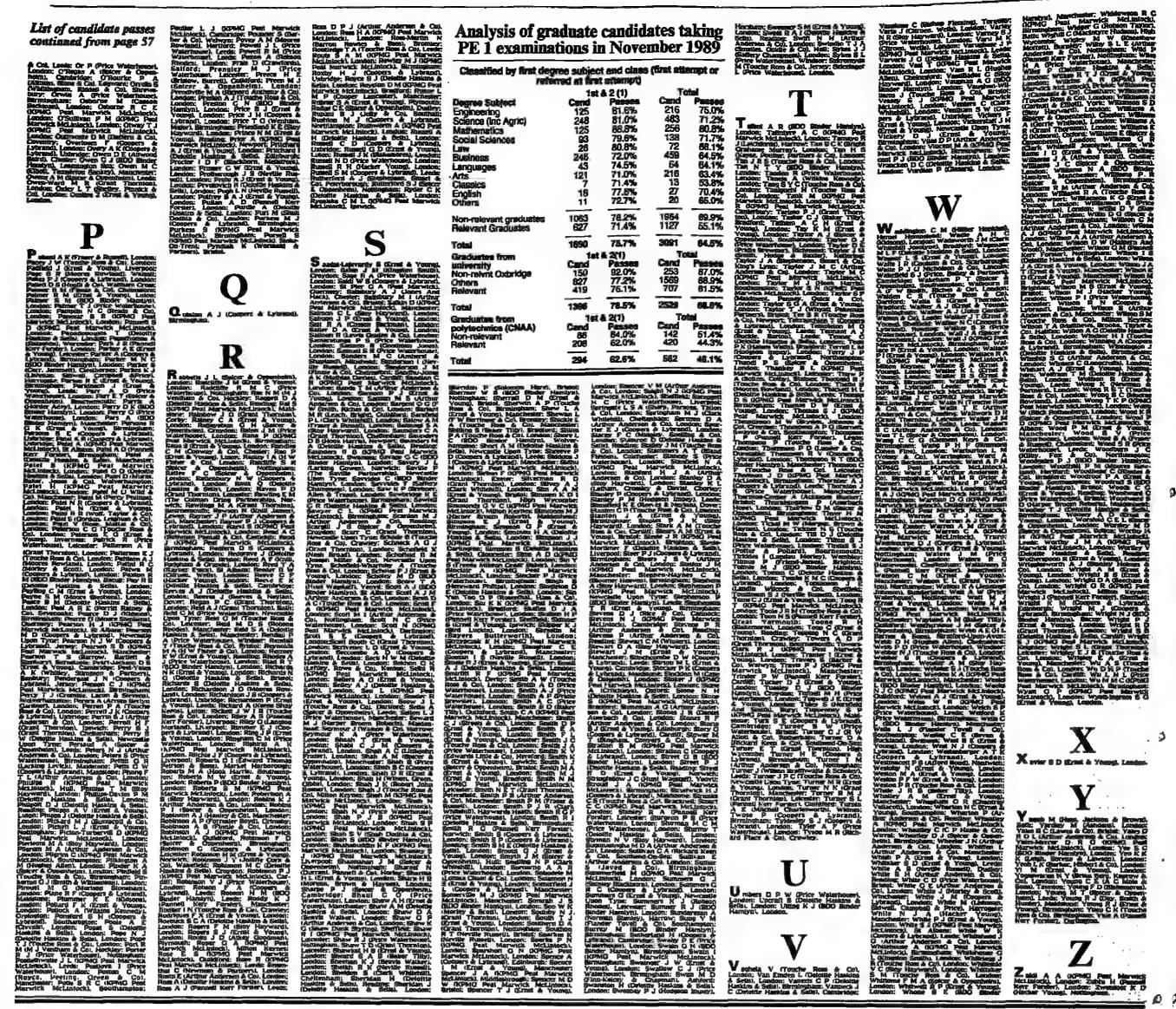




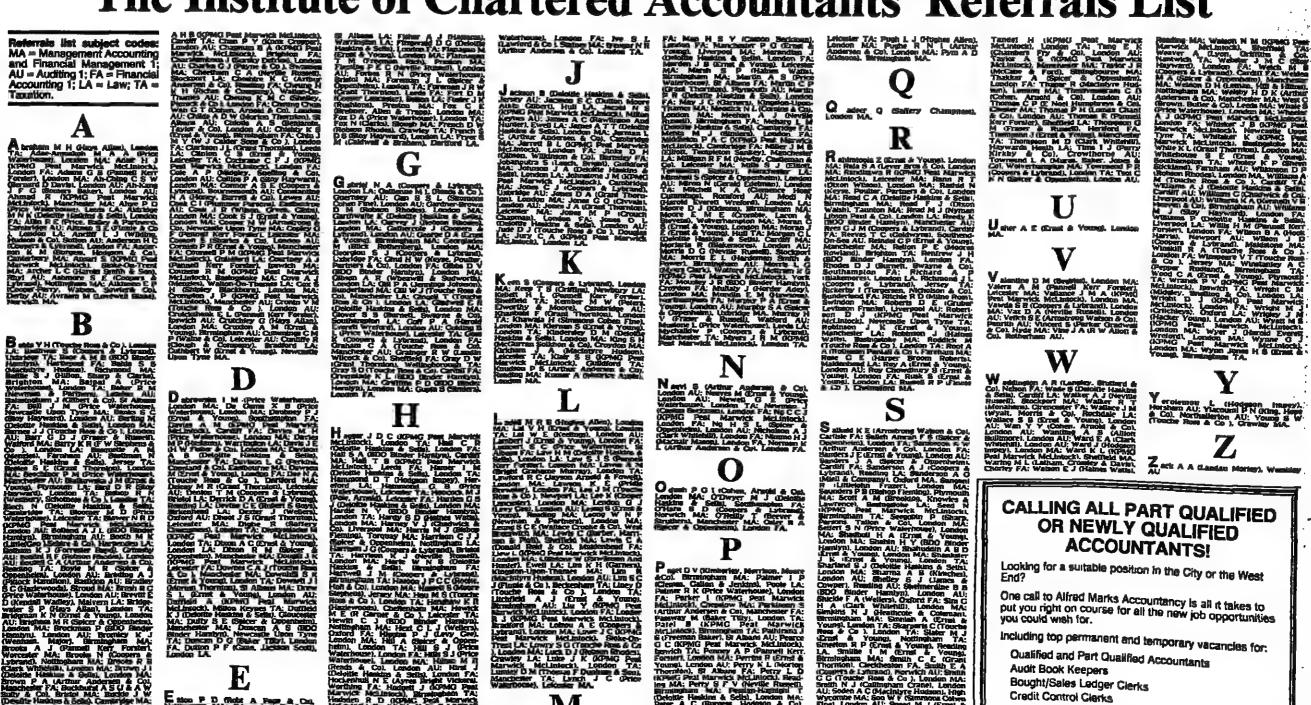




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Attitude, not altitude

European ski resorts have much to learn from

America, where top-rate skiing

is guaranteed. Brian James says

here were 36 inches of snow beneath the ski snow beneath the ski blades. The tops of ski speeding sharks just breaking the surface of the 10 inches of "champagne" powder fallen overnight. Every half-mile or so you needed to shake goggles free of the soft flakes still drifting down. Yet the sharpest memory of a super-lative first day's skiing in Colorado is that of a sound: the throaty roar of machines relentlessly making snow.

Ed Bowers, speaking for the Copper Mountain resort, explains: "Sure, the skiing is great today. But we still don't have a base right up to here," gesturing chest-high, "So if we get a little freak weather, or all the New Year crowds decide to turn on the same spot, we might get the mountain showing through. Can't let it happen. These machines have been going since September. That way, no matter what nature does, we open the day we say, the day the hotels and restaurants are ready.

"That way no one comes here and goes back to Des Moines or wherever and says, 'Colorado? Swell place but the skiing was That way we will ski on snow piled high up to the last hour of the last day of the season in late April. It's what you need to do if you are in

That same phrase had been used in Keystone, two days before. A dozen of us were on top of a mountain at 10pm, preparing to ski the three miles back to the village on the world's longest floodlit run. But it was 18° below freezing, and surely the piste would be one long icy rut?

"No way," the Keystone spokes-man said. "Since dark fell we have constantly regroomed the surface. Sure, maybe only two dozen of you want to go. But we advertise night skiing as a feature — so making it happen is what you do if you are in the ski business."

Many European ski-resort directors will have spent the first month of the season gazing in suicidal depression on to green-brown mountains for the third or fourth they should have been doing is flying to America, where the future is being shaped.

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Powder charge: Aspen, Colorado, where the learning is made easy and you can choose your own degree of fright

The provision of that artificial snow, expensive insurance against disillusionment for skiers and bankruptcy for resorts, is a crucial example of the change: Vail, America's top resort, averages more than 26ft of snow each winter, yet this year has extended snow-making to cover one-tenth of its vast piste acreage; Copper Mountain has more than a quarter of its piste exposed to machine-made snow; Breckenridge, far from resting on the laurels of its sixth recordbreaking year in succession, has incressed its capacity to stand in for

All this contrasts with two years handful of machines in use. Of course, some European resorts do

Colorado stations have the advantage in altitude denied many Swiss and Austrian rivals. But the central point is about attitude, not altitude. have enjoyed many fine skiing holidays in Europe without ever quite losing the sense that some degree of labour and pain, humiliation and inconvenience was heaped upon high financial cost, and seen as the rightful price for the pleasure. One especially pompous Austrian even said as much: Learning to ski must not be easy.

You have to deserve the mountains." Colorado could not disagree more. In our party were five beginners. At the end of the second run. By the end of the week, all were coming down an intermediate run with their skis virtually parallel. This was accomplished without a moment of misery.

 Boot-fitting: we all know the ordeal of hopping on one foot in a crowded rental store, while surly locals insist ski boots are meant to pinch at first. In Breckenridge one trod a carpeted dais while courteous young men, working in a sunken well at your ankle-height, measured and fitted the boots and demonstrated the buckling.

Ski-classes: I watched our begin

ners, warming to friendly and articulate explanations, all doing different exercises which somehow brought them to the same point of expertise. "You encourage what do dest rather than : what they do wrong," was the teaching philosophy. Ski-lifts: drags, especially T-bars

IN EUROPE

◆ Snow drought in the Alps con-tinnes, and the outlook is sun till Tuesday at least. Lech/Ztrs, Kitz-bühel and Ischgl in Austria, which got new snow last Saturday, have some of the best skiing available. Montgenèvre and Serre-Chevalier in the southern French Alps are also enjoying better than average conditions. Faced with hundreds of layoffs, the French instructors' union is trying to have British ski teachers maned in Saises and Les Mennires if they hold only UK qualifications.

(T as in Terrifying), are virtually unknown, You travel mostly by chair, with more cheerful young men assisting novices. Signboards saying "Tips up ... place skis down ... stand up ... kan forward now" ensure you dismount with a gentle shither on to safe ground. Contrast this with the fag-end sucking Gaul who snarls when you fail to grasp the T-bar pole be slings at you, or

fails to break up the icy patch on the arrival pad. ● The pistes: signposted and groomed. When novices go off on a green (simple) run you know it will be consistent; none of the sudden pitches of steep moguls or iced-up gullies that account for many firsttimers bursting into tears and determining never to try again. Hot-

doggers on terror runs through these Slow Ski" zones face \$300 fines. I must not suggest Colorado skiing is so sanitized as to defy any sense of adventure. The back bowls of every resort I visited offer "double-black" runs of such sensational aspect as to encourage mor-bid thought. The point is that you choose your own degree of fright; a cruise or moguls, a fast blast or some careful powder picking.

I do not paint Colorado as paradise. The lack of good mountain food is an irritant. A few of the chairs are slow and ancient. But as a place to learn and then improve it is in so high a class as to encourage a perverse pity for the newcomers in our group: where are they ever going to find such sport again?. Unless they go back. Or mless the Old World of skiing accepts it has much to learn from the New.

TRAVEL NOTES

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Easy, if you know the ropes

Doug Sager enjoys being pampered on the slopes of Vail and Beaver Creek

Though born there I never had either, until this fourth dreadful winter of no snow in the Alps. Jumping in at the deep end, I took Europe's most extensive American ski-package operator, Ski the American Dream, to the biggest single mountain in the country, Vail.

Even Vail, it seems, isn't big enough for its owner, Vail Associates. It has developed a nearby mountain, Beaver Creek, into an even more userfriendly network of mostly intermediate trails.

Sharing the same ski school and lift pass, Beaver Creek seems to be aiming for a somewhat higher tone than Vail, with smaller, swankier shops, homogeneous architecture and a security perimeter.

Experienced European ski-ers are not likely to be blown away by the skiing at Vail or Beaver Creek. But there's plenty of right-

eous skiing at Vail, and Ski down from steeps along Vail to the hotel Creek boundary on the Birds of Prey slopes.

But what the for the doorman folks at Vail do best is make skiing easy for everybody. I ice contains of verical feet skied per week, the high-speed chairs, fall-line pistes and grooming to allow fast cruisdoor and just

skiing easy for everybody. I ing contribute to give the searched all over Vail in vain ambitious skier far more skifor lift queues, poorly marked trails, ice, rocks and protruding obstacles on the pistes — until I felt downright home-

sick for the Alps. Veterans of European ski sauvage will have to learn new manners. I finally figured out that the plethora of tissue dispensers mounted at every high-speed chairlift were perhaps a hint not to wipe your nose on the sleeve of your Gortex ski jacket.

To get Americans agitated, t seems, you have to ski under a warning rope. Separated from a pristine slope, my British partner and I slipped under an innocuous-looking rope and whipped up a few turns in the powder, before a hail of accusations and invective from the chairlift above

stopped us in our tracks. powder at Vail, we learnt, is to invite confrontation with the local sheriff, the Colorado

United States? rangers not to market Vail ski patrol. Under Colorado law, access to the offpiste, or backcountry skiing, is limited to exits from Vail resort boundaries through specified gates.

Vail has also recently in-troduced specially policed goslow areas to reduce high-speed collisions. Skiers in a hurry may lose their lift passes. And you won't be allowed to board a ski lift wearing a personal stereo.

To the European, used to considering skiing as a contact sport. Vail's strictures may smack of nannying. In fact, it's all part of cosseting the cus-tomer. Beaver Creek has created special Wild West attractions on screened runs where children are protected from the speed freaks. Other pistes are reserved for slow skiers and for families wanting to ski together.

Serious skiers will apprespeed quad chairlifts. In terms of verti-

ambitious skier far more skiing per holiday than he would find anywhere in the Alps.

If "holiday" is the operative word in your skiing. Vail and Beaver Creek will slam the door forever on bookings of European "chalet parties". I took a stretch Cadillac, part of the Ski the American Dream package, from Denver airport straight to the Vail Westin Hotel, with its outdoor hot tubs, cinema-sized colour televisions and ski valet service (ski down from Vail on Westin's own piste to the hotel door and just leave your skis for the doorman). Similarly, at the Hyatt Resency in Beaver Creek, the ski valet warms your boots overnight.

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its coastline, a speaker at a conference of tourism workers sounded a note of warning: "The develophent of tourism in Spain has destroyed one of the most slendid coasts in Europe. The destruction of the environment by selling sun on the cheap is beyond repair.". As the speaker was on the town planning staff of Leicester in the United Kingdom, the Spanish authorities may well have concluded that it was a classic example of

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sour grapes, and went on blithely pouring concrete. . By the end of the decade the horrors of the Spanish "Costa" had entered holiday folklore. A British advertising agency even used those horrors to push a brand of beer. The television advertisement showed a beer-bellied Brit in a building site, surrounded by half-finished concrete buildngs, his feet near a pool of filthy water - but, nevertheextolling the hideous because it was possible to get his favourite brand of mish British beer.

In 1989 the Economist Intelligence Unit sounded what may well be the death-knell of an era. "Resorts based on mass, down-market tourism are starting to look at the sources and expressed in so among his cronies."). costs of having their resorts disfigured by low-yield tourism. In some cases, the decision to go up-market is likely." The unit must have had an eye on Spain, for in that same year Spanish inministry has begun to develop sites in the interior - inevitably clashing with

The unfortunate Spanish experience is invariably cited as an illustration of the effects Today there are annually How much longer can tourism despoil the places it exists to celebrate? Russell Chamberlin reports

more than a million visitors to aggressively demanding fees industries. In Britain, tourism the Temple of Zeus in Olympia, compared to the hundred or so before the Second World War: more stone has been worn away, by millions of pairs of tourists' feet, in the past generation than in the previous 2,000 years.

in France, the Lascaux Caves are closed to the public - not because of vandalism, but simply because the ex-haled breath of thousands of visitors was damaging the irreplaceable paintings. In the Nile Valley, warning was given early last year that at the present rate of deterioration — caused as much but to the caused as much but to the caused as much but to the caused as much but the caused as much the caused as muc caused as much by tourist pressure as by pollution — monuments that have endured 4,000 years will have disappeared within 50. In Australia, as early as 1976, the Australian Heritage Com-mission announced that they would no longer publish spe-cific details of Aboriginal sites in danger, because publication would only attract more sightseers and increase that danger.

The tourist industry is replete with statistics, but drawn from so many different many different modes that it is difficult to get an overall picture. Two factors, however, emerge with consistent clarity: the relentlessly increasing number of world tourists (about 50 million in 1950; 400 million in 1988; 600 million projected for 2001) and the shift away from such "traditional" centres as the Mediterranean to the so-called Third World.

At about the time that Spain began to consider altering its pattern, Turkey fell to the hire of low-yield mass tourism, more than doubling its numbers to 2.5 million over five years. Inevitably the horror other end of the market, stories have begun to emerge from the country: villagers

to have their photos taken, traditional cases belting out Western pop, hamburgers and chips ousting local food. In Bangladesh, a canny publicist has authorized a tourist poster with the slogan, "Come to Bangladesh before the tourists

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currently causing the most heart-searching and headscratching among the con-cerned. The Penang Consumers' Association has published a book entitled See the Third World - While It Lasts, which launches a blistering attack on the cherished idea that mass tourism, for all its faults, brings cultural and financial benefits to under-developed countries. Cultural? The association reproduces an advertisement from the local Tanuung Aru Beach Hotel, which proudly offers "Shakespearian pub lunches" ("Shakespeare wrote marvellous plays in the afternoon after a satisfying lunch. Naturally, his favourite repast was served in the local pub

nancial? The association points out that anything up to 40 per cent of investment in tourism "leaks back" to the developed countries, not only because more and more tourist hotels are owned by international consortiums. but because the hi-tech equipment needed to run those hotels can come only from developed countries.

One thing we know for certain is that tourism is going to go on increasing. Currently tourism provides 5.7 per cent of the world's payroll, with 6.3 per cent of all jobs. Even the United States ranks tourism among its top two or three

idents, but not for visitors. Norway says bleakly that you can go into the national narks obey the tough rules. Taormina, in Sicily, is openly going up-market. There is only one person that is the right value. provides more than a million jobs; in southern Europe, 14.4 for Sicily. This is the proper cent of jobs are connected fessional person with an interest in the classics, in

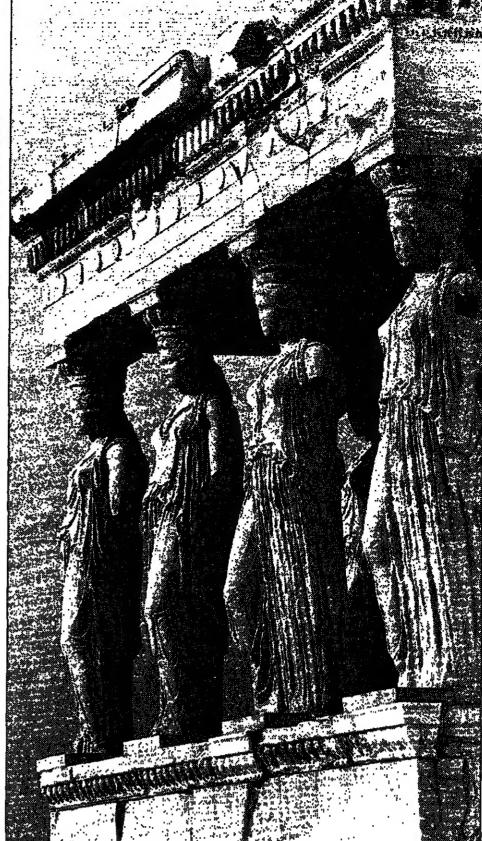
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Financially, tourism is one history, in civilizations." of the most painless ways of The price mechanism is the transferring money from most obvious means of conricher to poorer regions. Cultrol. Most non-manufactured turally, it is the only industry tourist attractions are abwhich can preserve and even surdly under-priced. Entry fee revive otherwise moribund to the Giza Plateau, which includes access to the Sphinx So tourism is here to stay. and the three great pyramids, And it's vital. But it has to be

controlled. The question is Realistic pricing of monuments and protected sites would partially restore that One answer is by élitism. Or, to use the currently degree of protection through inaccessibility that has been respectable term, by "ecologieroded by mass air transport. Recently the World Bank Linked to that would be a and Unesco jointly published system of qualified access, a collection of papers which cautiously addressed itself to such as the British have perfected for most of the the problem, titled "Tourism: "stately homes" now owned by the National Trust.

Another alternative to relieve pressure is the creation "of indescribable beauty", of "clones" of vulnerable which for most people is an "island paradise", attracting monuments. This is not as bizarre as it may seem. The more than half a million maidens on the Acropolis are tourists a year ... Bali. Decopies - the originals are in a museum. The French governthe investigators reported that ment has created a replica of the Balinese have responded the Lascaux Caves, so perfect to the opportunities tourism as to fool the unwary. In presents with a resilience that England, English Heritage planned, at one stage, to create amazes even the most casual observer". Two reasons were a replica of Stonehenge some adduced for this: their "cusdistance away to save pressure on the original. In Florida's village communities - and the Disney World is the ultimate - faithful copies of famous city-scapes, including the the great mass of tourists were waterfront of Venice.

Elitism is already being bers of tourists increase is a practised, overtly or otherlinked acceleration in the wise. In Britain, the Lake deterioration of the great sites District is virtually closed to of the world, with the Venethe casual traveller during the tian lagoons turned into a vast peak season. During the high season in Polperro, Cornwall, latrine, the streets of Ephesus ground into dust and the granite of the Great Pyramid (where tourists out-number residents in August) parking succumbing to places are provided for ressuccumbing to the pressure of



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every sea on the planet. Today the traffic is reversed. Whalehappy tourists, more than open and close as they breathe 300,000 of them this year, and hear the hiss as they travel from as far away as spout. Barnacles cling to their Japan to see the whales. They

are rarely disappointed. Shallow, gravelly Stell-wagen Bank provides a swirling, warmwater larder for whales. They summer in this agrecable spot, then migrate south to their winter breeding grounds; and residence co-

tuary than a whale haven. Gulls and gannets fly, float and dive around us. Suddenly, off the bow, three humpback whales, a mother and calf and bodies below the surface. One an unidentified third, rise to

and minkes off the Cape Cod coast the surface. The captain ap-(hence the name), lift their proaches gently, but they seem undisturbed. We get close huge tails into the air to a barrage of camera clicks, and enough to watch their spouts slowly, majestically disappear open and close as they breathe

beneath the waves. The crowd sighs with contenument. "We get a lot of people who

ago. "We've found that if you just read about whales being killed, you're not personally involved." she savs. you see a whale, it touches your heart."

The three whales surface, this time on the port side, causing a stampede to that railing, where the shutters snap again. The whales dive GRAHAM WOOD and surface a

dozen times before we move on. On all sides. we see dozens of dolphinsized minke whales and four enormous, shy fin whales. passing us with ease. For an hour

our boat is captivated by a humpback that under the boat, and rolls on its side waving a fin at us as long as a canoe. Twice it dives and blows rings of bubbles. The afternoon passes quickly.

On the way back we sip our Black Russians out of biodegradable cups, as

the sun glows in the haze. • For a general information pack send £1 to the New England Tourist Board, The Business Village, Broomhill Road, London SW18 4JQ. day," says Suzanne Carter, the owner of our boat, Portuguese Princess. They just fall in by one, they arch their backs love with the whales." For-



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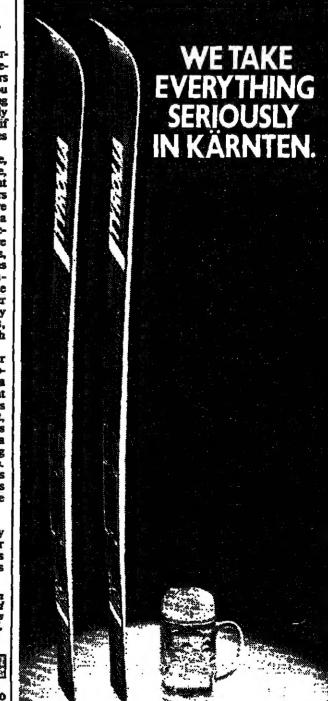
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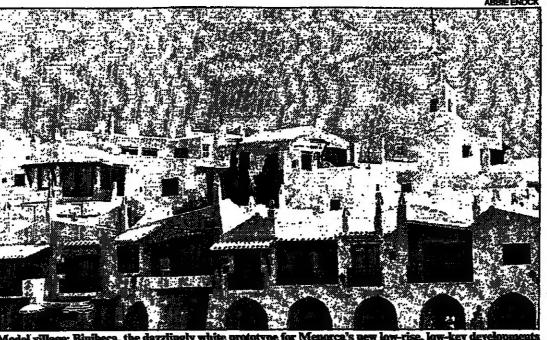
Take Menorca, add a villa with pool and don't stir: a mix guaranteed to satisfy most family holiday demands, Sally Baker writes

dimmed by 11 years' residence in Menorca. She extolled the delights of various restaurants, showed us how to light the hostile Calor gas cooker, circled some recommended beaches on the map, and asked for questions.

I cleared my throat nervously. Had there been any sightings of, um, British lager louts on the island yet? She snorted. A noisy bunch of lads had indeed turned up at a newish seaside development, but as the week wore on and they failed to find any discos, pubs or other outlets for their exuberance, they became docile,

he blonde villa rep had a built sand-castles on the beach Mancunian accent un- with the children, and went home quietly when their time was up. They were, she said, rather sweet.

Menorca's swollen summer population is about equally split between British and Spanish holidaymakers, with apparent good cheer on all sides. The former have, of course, made their mark - on the harbour front in the capital, Mahon, the faded baroque splendour of "La Electrica Mahonesa, año 1892" now houses Pedro's Boat Centre, just along from the Mad Hatter Tea Rooms, while next door at the Xoriguer Gin Distillery the guided tours-with free tastings" were going well. But in the dozen or more



busy restaurants which line the pretty quay at Villa Carlos near Mahon, the holidaymakers tucking into the calamares or paella were just as likely to be Spanish. Most of the visitors stay in the low-rise and acceptably low-key "urbanizations" dotted around the coast, usually dazzlingly white-washed villa and apartment complexes clustered around the largest, sandiest beaches, where you can nurse an ice-cold San Miguel in the shade of the beach bar, marvel at the absence of loud music, thrill to the relentless efforts of novice sail-boarders to stay out of the water for more than three seconds while not decapitating the children swimming at their



on the M & S beach towels staking out your patch of sand - or are those somebody else's M&S beach towels? No matter. There is little crime here.

There are, however, a lot of

season. Far quieter are the myriad coves and inlets away from the "urbanizations", some accessible by bumpy track, some destined to be the exclusive preserve of the young, fit and intrepid. I had not seen the Mediterranean for some years and feared the polluted worst, but apart from a nostrilwrinkling whiff and a shoal of brightly-coloured plastic bags moving gently in the shallows on one north-coast beach, it was as warm, clear and inviting as ever.

Not that we accepted its invitation often, since our villa compensated for the gas cooker with its own pool. This is from now on a sine qua non of holiday happiness. We were in that pool before breakfast, after breakfast, before lunch, after lunch, and often after dinner too, the lure of its cool, floodlit depths and the thrill of a midnight swim overcoming every Englishwoman's proper terror of mosquitoes. (One of our party even took his gin and tonic into the pool to escape the midday sun, but slipped and spilt it, and we had to organize relays of divers to retrieve the lemon slice from the bottom. Such a trial.)

All was not frivolity. We conducted serious scientific research into sweating: you don't, provided a tiny part of you is in contact with water — for example, affoat on an airbed with one foot over the side. I took the experiment on to dry land with some success, lying on the pool surround with a finger over the edge, but it was a lot less comfortable and the children kept pushing me in.

There is scope on Menorca for more such scholarly pursuits, since the island boasts no less than three kinds of megalithic monument. One kind looks like a large heap of old stones and begins with N. the others look a bit different N, the others look a bit different and begin with T. One day wethought we saw one of the N ones from the car en route for the beach, although it could have been a large heap of old stones, and no one showed much enthusiasm for wasting valuable swimming time to find out.

I'm afraid we were not very good scholars. We did grind in second gear up the road to the highest point on the island, Monte Toro, to admire the view and visit the monastery. Another day we went to Cindadela, the old capital

on the coast at the western end of the island, and wandered through its maze of narrow golden lanes, finishing up at a chic marina-side bar where we observed the every-

day story of yachting folk unfold.
But it was a lot of effort for the congenitally lazy and mostly we left the roads to others and stayed put on one of the finest sites on the island. Our villa at S'Albufera, near the village of Es Grao, was one of 65 built over the past 15 years on a hilly, wooded site earmarked for 1,000, before the Menorquin government was alerted to the rich birdlife of the nearby saltwater lake and declared it a

nature reserve. Our nearest neighbours were barely visible through the heat haze. So we dozed in the peaceful shade, listening to the cicadas, watching the lizards dart in and out of the bougainvillaca, tracking yellow butterflies from the hibiscus to the oleanders and back again, training our pet black beetle, and wondering if it was raining at home.

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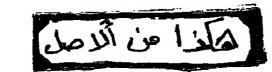




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when he thinks he bound plant and pluck up, break down and obliged to live up to his name build up, mourn and dance. But the Renaissance in Italy And he has developed rites to ensured that Carnival was not complement the seasons. In only reborn but properly Greece, man identified with christened too. Whether the the gods in the Bacchanale. In word comes from the curus Rome's Lupercalia, the good navale, the annual junketings she-wolf was feted by the on board 14th-century Veneannual release of prisoners. tian ships, or simply from But it was when the rites of carñe-vale ("goodbye to paganism and Christianity meat"), it was Venice which

It just so happened that the It just so happened that the Doge won an important military battle just before Lent in Abbess of Poitiers took it into her head to organize lewd masques: the clergy were admitted only if they wore drag. In the 10th century, the Pope himself took part in an animated procession through Milan in which the accrition.

more evocative of the illusion at the carnival's heart than in the white half-mask framed by the hooded black mantle of the Bautta. Fertilized by the commedia dell'arte, and nourished by the Art Biennale and events at the Fenice, Camevale reigns supreme.

Or does it? From south and song challenge its supremacy: "A vida e um sonho, E o sonho ilusão"... For the sambista of Brazil, life is but a dream, and the dream a mirage. For the slum-dweller of Rio, the spring Carnival is "a mission, a mandate, a sup-reme moment of deliverance and self-sufficiency". The highly organized and compet-itive escolas de samba, which rule the streets of Rio from Sunday night to midday on Monday, bear the alchemy of African black magic and Port-

the complexity now of this massive pageant in which the beggar is king and the king a mere bystander, that, five years ago, a huge grandstand called the sambodrómo was opened to seat 60,000 spectators. But it is well worth getting there a week early for the rehearsals. And don't just west, the echoes of a haunting stay on the Avenida Presidente Vargas: visit the tributary processions on the Avenida Rio Branco, and across the bay at Niteroi where the

smaller escolas offer more

spontaneous entertainment. Such was the potency of the Lord of Misrule in Spain that Franco banned Carnival; it was restored only a decade ago. Long dormant, the volcano of regional celebrations has now erupted with force. Barcelona focuses on political satire; Murcia on the Burial of the Sardine. At Solsona in Lérida, the marriage of the uguese Catholicism. Such is Crazy Giant is solemnized, his cake cut and distributed, his castle of fireworks burned. Salamanca goes in for bullfights, Cadiz competitions for singers and comedians.

Greece eats its last pre-Lent meat on Tsiknopempti, or "smelly Thursday". In the north of the country, on January 8, the women take charge of the coffee shops, play cards and drink ouzo. Patras, on the Peloponnese, has its battle of the chocolates.

ologne prefers carayou are making them, cating them. or throwing them. involvement is all. Kölners say that "if you were at the ssion, then you weren't at

the procession".

Carnival week here grows stronger and more colourful every year: on Thursday 6,000 women shove the mayor out of his office and snip off every tie in sight; on Sunday, schoolchildren parade on 70 floats; and on Rose Monday, the very apotheosis of Carnival in northern Europe, a procession of three hours and six miles long forces hundreds of more sober citizens to leave the country as carnival refugees.

In Vienna, Carnival has been groomed into the Ball. On Wednesday, January 31, the Ball of the Kaffee-Haus owners sets the pace for the Opernball on Thursday and the grand Hofburg Masked Ball on Friday. North, south, east and west

meet and turn in the kaleidoscope of Flemish, French and German culture which is Bel-

TRAVEL NOTES

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Malmédy, the mayor yields power to the *Trouvlai* in his red silk and top hat; in German-speaking Eupen, soc-

early as November.

Julio Caro Baroja, the Span-ish anthropologist, wrote that there were only two things that

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